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Devolin Announces \$1.1 Million Grant for Haliburton Streetscape Plan

Stephen Patrick
Editor

Haliburton's federal MP Barry Devolin announced a grant of over a million dollars this week to construct a new streetscape in Haliburton Village. "This announcement is the result of many months of hard work, research and development put forward by Haliburton's downtown business owners, many volunteers, and the staff and elected officials of the Municipality of Dysart," said Devolin, in a press release.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey commented that, "This will put people to work; it's going to create the environment that our local businesses need to succeed. We've got to keep downtown Haliburton as a year-round place to be and this project will move us in that direction. Over a million dollars will be invested right away, right here in Haliburton." The federal grant represents approximately two thirds of the total cost: the remaining third, around \$600,000, will be picked up by Dysart et al.

Fearrey pointed out that the grant will allow the municipality to complete the first two phases of the project, the Cenotaph and York Street this fiscal year. The project must be completed by March 2011, although as Fearrey points out, "We can't do this kind of construction after November 1st, so we're going to press forward with tenders as soon as possible. We'll need the cooperation of businesses as well when construction gets going, which will probably be in August."

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HIGHLAND STREET: PROPOSED WESTERN GATEWAY
DOWNTOWN HALIBURTON STREETScape IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Algonquin Highlands Back in the Tourism Fold

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

**"Our MPP Rick Johnson really went the extra mile."
(County Warden Dave Burton)**

Every once in awhile, having a quiet word with those in high places can certainly have a positive impact and that appears to be the case after Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Rick Johnson spoke with Premier Dalton McGuinty about his governments' decision to split the County of Haliburton into two separate tourism regions.

In what appears to be a direct result of that conversation, late last week County Warden Dave Burton was advised by Michael Kurts, Assistant Deputy Minister of Tourism and Culture that Algonquin Highlands has been shifted from the Muskoka Region and rest of the County in Region 11, which primarily encompasses

a lot of the credit to Johnson for his efforts to resolve concerns over fracturing the County into two regions which would have effectively doubled the work load and marketing initiatives required to promote Haliburton as a destination.

"I did everything I could to go to bat for the County," Burton said, "but (Rick) Johnson went the extra mile, even though he's reluctant to take any credit."

Burton also said that he was extremely pleased to see at least one of the concerns raised over the new tourism regions has been resolved.

As to the attempts made in efforts to change the allocation of Haliburton County from Region 11 and the Ottawa Valley to Region 8 with more traditional partners like the City of Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland and Peterborough Counties, the status quo will remain for the foreseeable future. Burton said, "It's my understanding from discussions with the Ministry that the regions will be reviewed again in about two years."

In his letter to Burton, Kurts emphasized the extent of the consultation process involved in establishing the 13 new Regional Tourism Organizations. He wrote, "The Ministry heard that regions need to be sustainable, capture unique experiences and integrate existing brands and partnerships. We also recognized and took into account other important factors

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included once more with the the Ottawa Valley.

Despite the efforts by County Council and

the extraordinary letter writing campaign initiated by the Haliburton County Tourism Board, Burton gave

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McKecks' Steinkamp Purchases Applejacks

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter



"The restaurant business is just like show business," notes Maarten Steinkamp, owner of restaurant McKecks. Steinkamp's show business background has certainly kept him in good stead for his adventures in the restaurant business. The former president of Continental Europe for Sony BMG, bought McKecks in June last year and admits, "I didn't think the restaurant business would be as hard as it is."

However things are set to get a lot busier for the local businessman in the coming months. Along with David Adams and Christoph Carl, proprietors of the restaurant Rhubarb in Eagle Lake, he's due to open up Aniz, a new Mediterranean inspired restaurant on May 12th. The restaurant will take over the old digs of the Old Country House located on Highland Street in downtown Haliburton. The three businessmen will be full business partners in Rhubarb and Aniz.

Along with keeping a focus on Rhubarb, Aniz and McKecks Steinkamp can now add Applejacks to his list.

On May 1st Steinkamp will own and operate Applejacks. Heather and Wayne McMullen, who successfully re-launched the restaurant last year, are stepping back to enjoy their retirement but will stay for a transition period.

Although Wayne McMullen enjoyed his time with Applejacks he says, "We are very proud of what the team achieved but it's the right time to step back and enjoy life a bit more. I was retired for 10 years and then got back into business again. It was always my intent to sell once the restaurant was established again and back in shape. Maarten and myself have always got along extremely well and helped each other out. He's a very good visionary."

When Wayne told Steinkamp earlier in the year that he and Heather wanted to step back, "it was an opportunity too good to miss. And I am very happy Wayne and Heather will be around for a little while to help us," says Steinkamp.

Wayne will take an equity position in the new business but he has few plans for himself in the coming year: "Maybe I'll be able to go on a cruise soon! Working 10 hours a day, seven days a

week is enough for us."

Steinkamp will continue to operate under the Applejacks brand in the short term but have plans to introduce a new exciting concept to the building on Highland Street. He will work along with Nicola Jowett, owner of the Heritage House Café and B&B to introduce the new concept in the upper portion of restaurant by around July 1st, but hastens to point out that it isn't a fixed date. After the summer the same concept will be brought to the lower level. Jowett explains, "It's going to be a lot of fun but we don't want to rush into it too fast, we'll slowly introduce the concept. We like the Applejacks concept but in our discussions with the franchise owners in Toronto we have convinced them of the more exciting concept which we will introduce during the fall."

They don't wish to reveal the details at this time but they intend to have a launch party in the coming months.

Steinkamp and Jowett will be business partners with Jowett concentrating on the upper level. She will still run the Heritage House Cafe and Bed and Breakfast, though there will be a new manager, Kirsten Rae. Jowett will still be there lending a helping hand though she says, "I'm going to be really busy, I've worked in the food industry all my life with other ventures too such as marketing. I'll be bringing all my areas of expertise to the new concept."

So is Steinkamp planning on complete domination of restaurants in Haliburton? Laughing he quickly dismisses the comment. "I understand that feeling but I always work in partnerships. Aniz and Rhubarb is a joint venture with Chris and Dave. Karen Frybort is a shareholder in McKecks and with Applejacks Heather and Wayne will remain shareholders in the business while Nicola is coming on board. I think it is so exciting to have a variety of great restaurants in Haliburton. My next ambition is to market the town as the food capital in Central Ontario. Next month we will start a campaign in the region to promote Haliburton as the place to go for eating out."

For the moment Steinkamp will be concentrating his efforts on Aniz. The restaurateur had actually purchased the Old Country House in June last year but after the purchase was completed, he needed to turn his attention to McKecks and help Karen Frybort with the changeover. He explains, "It was always the plan with the County House to branch out and offer something different.

There was no real concrete plan though and I was so busy with McKecks."

After originally discussing the idea of running an Italian restaurant in Haliburton with Walt McKechnie, former owner of McKecks, he broached the idea to Carl, chef at Rhubarb. As Rhubarb is only open three days a week in the winter it seemed the perfect opportunity for Carl and his partner Adams. Adams will run the kitchen at Aniz with Carl keeping things running smoothly at Rhubarb.

The conversations had been brewing since last October and there was certainly no rush for them to open it so quickly, "Adams and Carl are perfectionists, restaurants are like wine as it ages it gets better" commented Steinkamp.

The three business partners decided to branch out and offer other Mediterranean dishes, with items from Greece, Spain and Morocco.

The idea of a Mediterranean restaurant was a huge pull for them compared to offering Canadian fare. "There isn't a style of restaurant like this in the area close to 100 km," says Steinkamp. Local residents wanted "a change from burgers and fries, people are excited."

According to Deb Douglas, one of two new front house managers at Aniz, "there won't be a fryer anywhere in the restaurant!" They'll offer selections such as pizza, pasta, risottos and main courses such as rack of lamb.



Front of house manager Katherine Coote stands next to Maarten Steinkamp and Deb Douglas, another front of house manager.

The two-tiered restaurant will feature a lounge and bistro style tables, a place for after dinner drinks and appetizers in the lower level. A romantic, fine dining atmosphere will be created in the upper tier. Katherine Coote, the other front house manager says, "It's important to keep the prices reasonable and fair. Right from the start we decided to keep wine prices at a reasonable level."

With three restaurants on the go and another in the works, Steinkamp admits, "there's a lot to do. We have a dream team at Aniz, Chris and Dave have a huge reputation and Deb and Katherine have 25 years of combined experience. With Rhubarb and Aniz it means that we'll have double crews, so it'll help to maximize our resources."

Under the creative eye of Steinkamp and other restaurateurs in the community perhaps his dream of Haliburton becoming the restaurant capital of Central Ontario may well come true. ■

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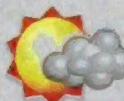
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FRIDAY



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SATURDAY



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▲ 13° ▼ 6°

SUNDAY



Cloudy with a slight chance of showers
▲ 12° ▼ 4°

MONDAY



Cloudy with afternoon showers
▲ 12° ▼ 5°

TUESDAY



Mostly cloudy and mild
▲ 14° ▼ 6°

WEDNESDAY



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▲ 16° ▼ 7°

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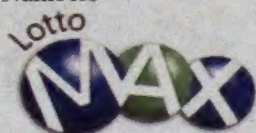


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Acapulco	31/22/pc	31/22/pc	31/26/cl	Montego Bay	29/24/ts	30/24/pc	32/27/su
Antigua	29/23/ts	31/23/pc	31/26/su	Nassau	26/18/pc	27/19/pc	31/28/sh
Barbados	31/25/ts	31/26/ts	31/27/ra	Port au Prince	34/24/ts	35/24/ts	33/26/cl
Bermuda	21/15/su	21/15/su	31/26/sh	Puerto Vallarta	28/18/su	28/17/pc	29/23/pc
Cancun	28/23/ts	27/23/ts	32/26/pc	St. Thomas	31/24/su	30/25/pc	29/24/pc
Curacao	31/24/ts	30/24/ts	31/24/ts	St. Maarten	29/24/su	29/24/pc	30/24/pc
Freeport	24/17/pc	24/18/ts	33/28/su	San Jose, CR	29/21/ts	29/21/ts	31/21/ra
Georgetown	31/24/ts	32/25/ts	31/23/ts	San Juan	31/24/su	30/24/pc	31/23/su
Havana	29/16/pc	28/16/pc	34/24/su	San Salvador	29/21/ts	29/22/ts	32/22/su
Key West	26/19/pc	25/20/ts	26/20/pc	Santo Domingo	32/21/ts	33/21/ts	33/26/su
Kingston	29/24/ts	30/24/pc	33/32/su	Trinidad	32/24/ts	32/24/ts	32/21/ra

REGIONAL CITIES

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Bancroft	15/6/sh	8/-1/sh	13/6/pc	12/4/cl	12/4/sh	14/6/cl	16/7/cl
Barrie	16/6/sh	8/-1/sh	13/6/pc	12/4/cl	12/6/sh	14/7/cl	16/7/cl
Dorset	15/6/sh	8/-2/sh	13/5/pc	12/3/cl	12/4/sh	14/6/cl	16/7/cl
Haliburton	15/6/sh	8/-1/sh	13/6/pc	12/4/cl	12/5/sh	14/6/cl	16/7/cl
Huntsville	15/6/sh	8/-2/sh	13/5/pc	12/3/cl	12/4/sh	14/6/cl	16/7/cl
Kingston	17/7/sh	9/0/sh	15/7/pc	13/5/cl	14/6/sh	16/8/cl	18/8/cl
Lindsay	16/6/sh	8/-1/sh	13/6/pc	12/4/cl	13/6/sh	14/7/cl	16/7/cl
Minden	15/6/sh	8/-1/sh	13/6/pc	12/4/cl	12/5/sh	14/6/cl	16/7/cl
Oshawa	17/7/sh	9/0/sh	16/7/pc	14/6/cl	14/7/sh	16/8/cl	18/9/cl
Ottawa	17/7/sh	9/0/sh	13/6/pc	12/4/cl	13/4/cl	14/6/cl	15/6/cl
Toronto	17/7/sh	9/0/sh	16/8/pc	14/6/cl	14/7/sh	17/8/cl	18/9/cl

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/Otk	Friday Hi/Lo/Otk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otk	Sunday Hi/Lo/Otk	Monday Hi/Lo/Otk	Tuesday Hi/Lo/Otk	Wednesday Hi/Lo/Otk
Calgary	17/-4/pc	10/-3/cl	5/-2/cl	8/-2/sh	9/-1/sh	8/-2/sh	8/-4/cl
Edmonton	14/-2/sh	6/-2/mx	1/-8/sn	-1/-9/cl	0/-8/mx	1/-7/mx	-1/-8/sn
Fredericton	16/7/sh	18/9/sh	12/6/sh	11/4/sh	10/4/sh	12/6/pc	13/6/cl
Halifax	21/10/pc	19/10/sh	11/1/sh	9/0/cl	10/1/cl	11/1/pc	12/2/cl
Montreal	18/8/sh	11/1/sh	13/6/pc	11/3/sh	11/2/cl	13/6/cl	14/7/cl
Regina	21/2/pc	11/-3/pc	9/-2/sh	9/0/sh	9/-1/sh	12/0/sh	8/-4/sh
St. John's	6/-3/pc	8/-1/sh	4/-3/cl	5/-3/cl	4/-4/sh	4/-4/sh	5/-5/cl
Saskatoon	19/1/pc	8/-5/pc	6/-5/cl	6/-5/cl	6/-6/mx	8/-2/sh	0/-7/mx
Vancouver	9/4/ra	8/3/sh	12/6/pc	12/7/cl	12/6/sh	12/7/sh	12/7/sh
Whitehorse	-1/-7/sf	-1/-10/sf	-4/-11/cl	-2/-10/cl	-1/-9/sf	-1/-8/sn	-1/-8/sn
Winnipeg	18/3/pc	17/4/pc	2/-8/sn	5/-7/pc	8/-2/sh	13/3/sh	9/-1/sh

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Friday 4/2	27°C	4°C	0.0 mm
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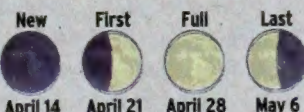
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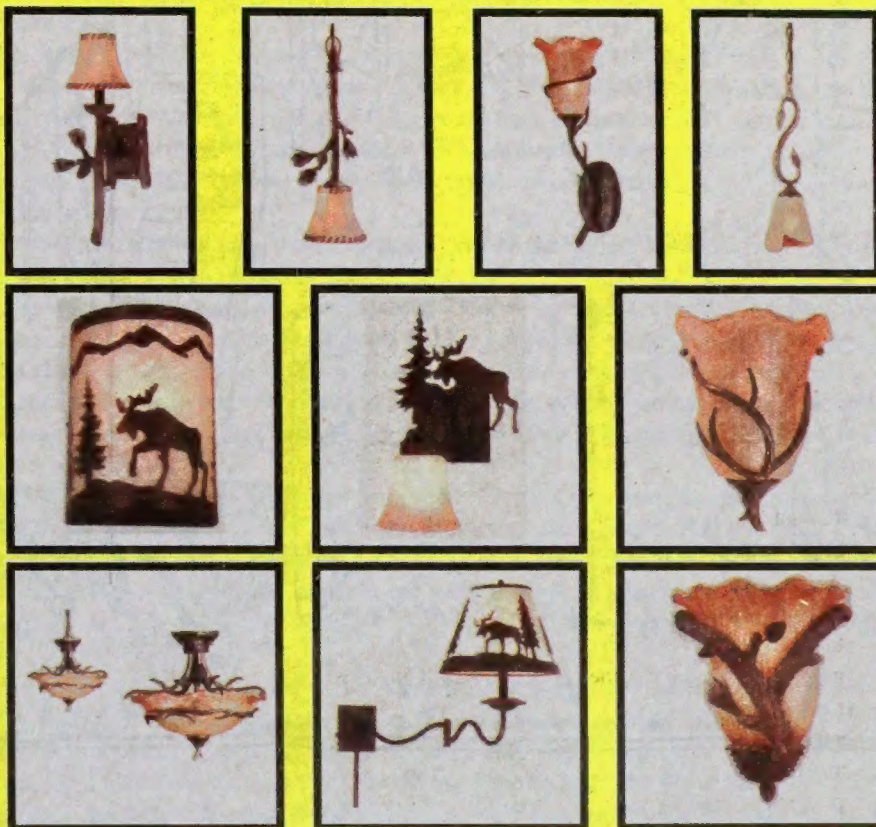
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Sat.	6:38 a.m./7:53 p.m.	4:44 a.m./4:17 p.m.
Sun.	6:36 a.m./7:55 p.m.	5:04 a.m./5:20 p.m.
Mon.	6:35 a.m./7:56 p.m.	5:23 a.m./6:24 p.m.
Tues.	6:33 a.m./7:57 p.m.	5:44 a.m./7:30 p.m.
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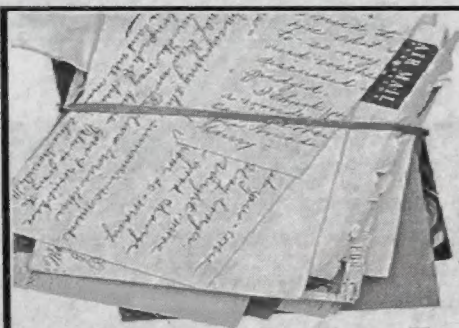
What are we to make of the fact that no incumbent of Dysart Council has yet declared their intentions in the October election? Does the longer four year term cause everyone to hesitate? Are they all 'burned out'? Are they waiting tactically to see if they might move up a notch in the competition?

In any case it's not doing much for interest in the election or for the issues and ideas to be explored in ample time. Perhaps a lesson should be drawn from the Algonquin Highlands predicament. There no one has yet declared whether new or incumbent. Well, they are in the midst of a bruising fight over airport expansion. That project was not discussed in the election of '06.

So, let's encourage incumbents to get on with it and accord the five new candidates the credit they deserve for stepping forward early. Elections should be the time to bring forward the big ideas, even to dream a little. Wouldn't they be more interesting?

Regards

Jim Milne



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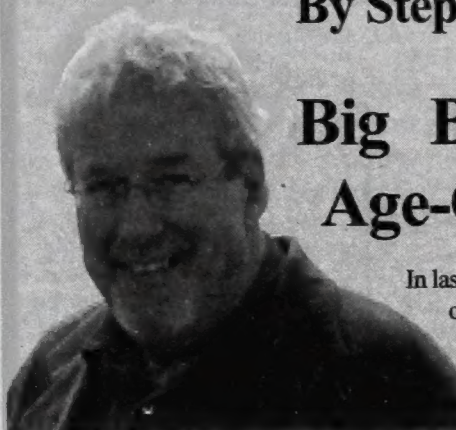
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Editorial VIEWPOINT

By Stephen Patrick

Big Bad Wolves: An Age-Old Story



In last week's issue of the Voice we published photos of some nine wolves which had been snared or shot and dumped together in the bush near Minden. The photos are haunting for many reasons: wholesale slaughter of beautiful animals can never be pretty. In addition, the carcasses appeared almost arranged, or

poised, with forelegs and muzzles intertwined as if for comfort, or warmth, or protection.

In fact, we've rarely published any photos that have elicited such reaction, although mainly confined to phone calls and comments to myself and all the Voice staff. Many were outraged at what seems to be wanton killing: some needed more details. Were these animals threatening livestock, or people, or pets? Were they behaving in an un-typical manner, aggressively, or boldly near homes or farms?

These are questions the MNR investigators are trying to answer. As we go to press, the MNR is releasing no new information. What's puzzling is why the animals were all transported to this one site. Farmers and landowners are at no legal risk if they shoot wolves on their own property if they deem the wolves to be a threat to livestock or a menace to their person. Licensed trappers or hunters have clear rights as well. However, if any person, landowner or otherwise, shoots a bear he must report the killing to the MNR within 48 hours.

The recent reported surge in wolf sightings throughout the County has resurrected a debate that's been going on for decades, if not centuries. For many years the late R.D. Lawrence wrote and campaigned passionately for an end to the right to kill wolves indiscriminately: his novels and articles did a great deal to counter the prevailing myths surrounding wolves, i.e. that they posed a constant danger to humans, and to the survival of selected targets of human hunting, deer, wolves, and caribou. Well, wolves are predators: they need to eat, just as humans do, as Keith Stata points out in his letter to the editor this week. The abundance of their natural prey throughout Haliburton County, the almost explosive growth in the deer population in particular, is obviously going to attract predators. Deer feeding in the winter at houses and farms clearly draws the predators closer to humans.

Our relationship with nature has always been edgy and complex. But somehow, if we wish to preserve our very privileged style of life here, with our civilized towns, galleries, businesses, colleges and schools, and recreational homes set in the midst of vast tracts of unsettled bush, wetlands, and lakes, we somehow must come to some kind of civilized – and wild – accommodation with the critters whose home we share.

Devolin Pulls Through, Streetscape Shakeup a Reality

This week's announcement (see page one) that the federal government is approving a grant of over a million dollars to the Municipality of Dysart to complete the first two phases of a streetscape overhaul is terrific news for Haliburton Village, businesses, residents and tourists alike. The imaginative and exciting design could transform not only the Cenotaph space, which is now almost lost, but also the unsafe and unattractive York Street. The addition of the new Library, the 4Cs building and the Rails End Gallery garden and patio have begun the transformation. Now York Street has the potential to become a vibrant, pedestrian friendly and exciting part of the Village.

As Barry Devolin's Executive Assistant Jamie Schmale pointed out in his remarks, Dysart Municipal Council, Dysart Staff, and the BIA all deserve top marks for having shepherded the project through over the past almost three years. There were 13 serious applications from Devolin's riding for these monies, and only two were approved, the Streetscape being one.

So these past two years have seen two major projects funded in Dysart: the new library, which the Province paid for, in toto, and now the Streetscape. Public monies well spent and well planned: congratulations to all involved, and let's hope the disruption to roads and businesses this summer can be kept to a minimum. ■

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More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

In response to "The Silence of the Wolves" article in the Thursday, April 1st, 2010 edition.

"I saw the article and I was disgusted. It made me feel sad for those wolves and it made me feel angry at the people who slaughtered those wolves." Coleman Heaven, Age Nine

These are the words that my nine year old son was finally able to write in response to the article and photos of the wolves killed east of Minden last week. Children are wonderfully intuitive and never stop amazing me.

Last Thursday evening as our family was gearing up for the long weekend, we happened upon the article. As I read to myself, aloud, the headline and was taking in the images, my son jumped up and starting yelling "Killed wolves? ... Who killed wolves? ... Why? ... How could they?" and the tears and rage that unveiled themselves were beyond anything that I have seen my son go through. His face told a painful story, one of total non comprehension and a realization of horror.

Coleman has seen death; in his explorations through our woods he has found numerous dead animals, deer, porcupine, fish, birds, etc. He is fascinated and learns about this land and his world from these experiences. So it isn't the "death" of the wolves that shocked him, it was the unnaturalness of it, the circumstances of it. His world was changed in that moment and a part of humanity was exposed to him that he had not seen before, a very sad and cruel part.

It took my husband and I an hour to comfort Coleman and as a parent my heart broke with my son's pain. I couldn't give him the answers he was looking for. I don't know why some people can so blindly dislike another living creature and I don't know why they felt the need to show such cruelty. But I do know that even as my sadness and anger grew around my son's grief, I also felt proud. Coleman got it! Even at nine years old he understood the tragedy that had occurred right in his own community, the misunderstanding of this beautiful and necessary animal and the total disregard for its life. This gives me hope! A child showed me that people do care what happens to other living creatures. A child showed me that people can understand the importance of other living creatures. A child showed me that we need to have hope ... hope that the person (or persons) who was old enough to shoot that gun, set those snares and pile those wolves in a heap as if they were putting out the trash may come to understand that many of us do want these creatures in our backyard. They belong here, they are important to our natural world ... as are the deer, the trees, the birds ... all of us.

Irene Heaven

Dear Editor:

"We are all God's creatures."

The following is a copy of a letter which has been sent to council members at the County of Haliburton, Dysart et al and the Municipality of Highlands East.

One of the things that I love about living in Haliburton County is the close proximity to and enjoyment of our natural surroundings, including wildlife. The recent slaughter of wolves in the Minden area is a direct result of mass hysteria created by people whose motives are questionable.

I am asking that council members think long and hard before reintroducing the wolf bounty. Please do not allow yourselves to be manipulated by scare tactics.

We are all God's creatures.

(Name Withheld by Request) ■

Dear Editor:

"Killing animals simply because we see them, or don't like the look of them, is wrong."

Your photo of the dead wolves is troubling, but I suspect this is just the tip of the proverbial iceberg. The thing Homo Sapiens does best throughout history is kill things.

While evidence is not conclusive that could have begun as far back as the disappearance of the Neanderthals, some 24,000 years ago. History documents the rest, as one species after the other, animal or human got completely or nearly wiped out because they came into contact with us. We decimated indigenous populations, shot buffalo from trains, elephants for ivory, bears for organs.

I often ponder if man's creation of divinities, which in his mind, set him apart from the animal kingdom, to which he belongs, and other humans provided the spark. Whatever the reason it is what it is. I call it the ME SYNDROME. We see it in the not in my back yard emotion, road rage, racism, intolerance, and unwillingness to accept the right of other species to exist if they rain on our parade. I have heard many people say, "I saw a bear in my yard or my neighbours yard, so I shot the ***** thing and dragged it into the woods!" Intolerance is widespread in modern society, and it takes many forms.

Everyone has the right to defend their animals or family from animals that pose a direct threat, however killing animals simply because we see them, or don't like the look of them, is wrong. The emotion surrounding wolves is curious because as a species they are similar in some ways to us. While we want to deny them the ability to defend their territory, and young, and kill for food, we seem to forget we do exactly the same thing, and send millions of lambs, rabbits, cows, pigs, and numerous other species to slaughter houses daily to feed the greatest killers of all US collectively.

That some in the US would argue that the production of such things as stomp videos (Women in high heels stomping kittens to death) should be protected by freedom of speech speaks volumes of our arrogance, and disconnect from reality. In Camerons Pandora, the Navi realized the connection that existed between all living things, maybe someday we may too? Nature is cruel, there is nothing pretty about a cat killing a chipmunk, a lion killing a zebra, or a wolf killing a deer. Unfortunately we do all the same things ourselves, and often for reasons far removed from feeding ourselves.

Keith W. Stata ■

Algonquin Highlands Back in the Tourism Fold

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such as the tourist's perspective, travel patterns, common markets, natural landforms and existing infrastructure."

But Kurts also refers to the concerns raised from residents and community leaders in Haliburton County about the boundaries surrounding Algonquin Highlands. He said, "We recognize the economic value that Algonquin Highlands brings to the County and as such are moving forward to include Algonquin Highlands with the other areas in Haliburton County that are part of Region 11." (Region 11 includes Frontenac County, Haliburton County, Hastings County, Lanark County and Renfrew County.)

Kurts goes on to say that many tourism partners have started to work collaboratively with their industry partners and urges Haliburton to do so as well.

It has been generally agreed throughout the County that strong marketing partnerships have been established to the south and that the Ministry that has offered the greatest amount of assistance has been OMAFRA out of Lindsay. Kurts has acknowledged this during his discussions with both Burton and other county representatives and has advised that nothing precludes the County from continuing with these traditional relationships in addition to working with Ottawa Valley tourism organizations.

While a few comments have been heard from within Algonquin Highlands that the municipality might be better served through an alliance with Muskoka, Reeve Eleanor Harrison said, "I truly believe that the County is much better off not being split into two regions and we will have greater strength now. It is really only the northern end of Algonquin Highlands that Muskoka would want to align itself with, given the entrance to Algonquin Park, and we have to look at Algonquin Highlands as a whole."

Harrison said that Algonquin Highlands might have been considered a bit of a poor relation of Muskoka. She also noted that this decision will ease the work load of the County's Tourism Department as it will now have only one Regional Tourism Organization to consider.

When asked about remaining part of the Ottawa Valley Region, Harrison said, "I'm a little disappointed about the alignment of the regions, so we'll have to monitor the situation for the next year or two to have some cold hard facts to offer the province when we have an opportunity to revisit the regions. In the meantime it may actually turn out that we are happy with the region we're in."

As to next steps for the County, Burton said, "Now we have to try to make the best move forward that we can within our established Region and I look to all stakeholders to take part in that process." ■

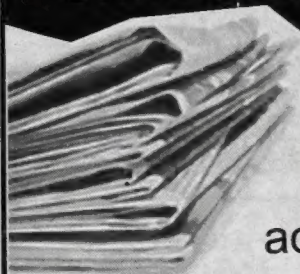
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Spring Auto Section

The Spring Tune Up

Winter is fading quickly from memory and the smell of spring is in the air. Most vehicles have survived Canada's harsh winter environment without problems, but with the lure of holiday weekends and cottages to open, many of us will be starting to think of longer trips ahead. Before heading out on the highway, or even for that drive back and forth to work, our vehicles should be checked out so wear caused by winter driving doesn't leave them on the side of the road.

Winter driving usually means a lot of idling time for our vehicles. Extended warm up times and slower commutes because of poor road conditions take their toll on all vehicles. Exhaust systems don't heat up and moisture rusts them from the inside out. Rutted roads pound suspensions, possibly damaging steering components. Brake calipers have corroded slides, causing brakes to drag and tires to wear.

The word "Tune-up" means many things to people. Maybe it means simply changing sparkplugs, checking filters, and scanning for codes. It could also mean that everything from charging system analysis to injector flushing is done. This type of tune-up costs much more, but the benefits are higher too. Those extra tune-up procedures can either save money in fuel costs or extend the life of the vehicle, and maybe do both. When getting a tune-up for your vehicle, be sure to check exactly what the repair shop will do during the tune-up.

So what type of tune-up should we be looking for? Start with sparkplugs. Even though the auto manufacturers claim the sparkplugs in many vehicles are good for 160,000 km, we know that winter driving with its cold engine temperatures and rich fuel mixtures can foul plugs. Even one sparkplug firing intermittently will decrease fuel economy dramatically.

Misfire problems become more noticeable as outside temperatures warm up. Engines run hotter, the computer leans out fuel mixtures, and torque converters lock up easier under light throttle. High engine loads and lean fuel mixtures are prime conditions for a misfire, and this problem usually shows up at about 80 kph as a surge or hesitation. Thousands of dollars have been spent fixing "transmission chuggles" when the problem was really ignition related.

The high voltage in modern ignition systems and wide plug gaps combine to find the smallest electrical leak in plug wire insulation. If one bad wire is causing a misfire, you can be sure the others are not far behind, so change them too.

Oxygen sensors are often overlooked during a tune-up. They also become fouled by rich mixtures and their performance slowly degrades, causing a fuel economy decrease. Scan tools may show the sensor jumping rich to lean, but sluggish response rates mean it is time for a new sensor. New sensors can improve fuel economy dramatically so changing a high mileage sensor makes good sense.

Be careful to get the correct part if you install a replacement sensor at home. There are different calibrations for oxygen sensors depending upon if they mount in front or behind the converter. They may fit, but that doesn't mean they are working properly.

Exhaust leaks anywhere in front of the converter can trick oxygen sensors into telling the computer to add fuel. An exhaust system inspection isn't often thought of as a tune-up procedure, but a missed exhaust leak will cause poor fuel economy.

Electrical system grounds cause more problems than we can imagine. Road salt and moisture in the winter quickly causes corrosion, so a couple minutes re-tightening body and engine grounds can prevent many driveability problems.

Fuel injectors spray fuel in a fine mist so it atomises quickly in the combustion chambers. Deposits and gum in the injector tip cause irregular spray patterns that can decrease fuel economy, cause hard starting, and may create surges or misfires. Normally injector cleaning is not part of a tune-up, but extended idling times in the winter tend to cause more sticking injector problems, so doing this as an add-on to the tune-up can improve economy and driveability.

Tune-ups cost money, but at the price of fuel today, even a slight improvement in fuel economy will repay the cost of that tune-up quickly. ■

Do Cars Need Tune-ups Anymore?

Have you looked inside your car's engine compartment lately? It looks sort of alien and unapproachable like a computer - not very mechanical. Recognize anything in there? Bet you can't find the mass airflow sensor or the throttle position sensor. Did you even know you had these? How about the spark plugs? They have got to be there, right?

Engines certainly have become more complex in the past 20 years with the whole show now run by a computer - the Powertrain Control Module or PCM. To diagnose a problem in your engine, all you need is a \$20,000 device that plugs into your PCM and tells you what went wrong. Of course, once you find the offending part you must cobble up all your patience and a few expensive metric tools to go where no man or woman has gone before. Make a mistake and your \$10,000 engine might be trashed. No wonder the Do-It-Yourself crowd is a dying breed. Meanwhile service centers continue to spring up in order to care for the Do-It-For-Me generation.

As much as the automakers would like you to think their cars are maintenance free, in fact, they are not. All cars still need tune-ups. But the type of tune-up is changing from the replacement of the worn condenser, points and plugs approach of the 1950s and 1960s to a preventative maintenance approach today. Often perfectly good parts are replaced in today's tune-up to prevent catastrophic failure later. The automakers know which parts these are and list them on your scheduled maintenance program.

The preventative tune-up has taken a more ecological twist in the last 5 years. Since we have now experienced very high gas prices - mainly during summer months, we know it is only a matter of time until high gas prices become a permanent reality. We may not know for sure that global warming is upon us, but we don't want to wake up hot someday. And we certainly know that without our thirst for oil, the Middle East would be a friendlier place. As a result, more and more motorists are investing in eco-friendly replacements for automaker-supplied parts in what can be called an Eco Tune-Up.

The Eco Tune-up

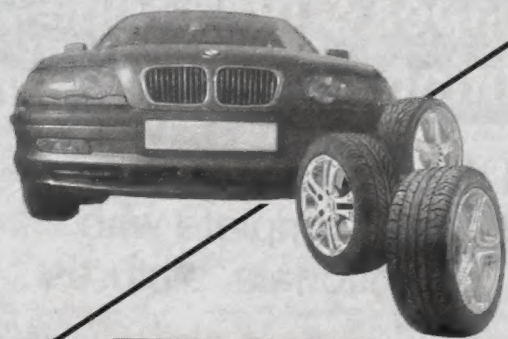
The Eco Tune-Up is a fuel-efficient makeover for your car with the intent of making it ecologically better than new. It includes high efficiency air filters, synthetic oils with oil additives, rotation and balancing of tires with installed pressure indicators. It can go so far as to re-program your car's computer with more fuel efficient shift points and air/fuel ratios. It could include a conversion package to allow your car to use E85 ethanol.

But perhaps the easiest, most cost-effective Eco Tune product is a pulse plug. Pulse plugs are the latest advancement in spark plugs, the last vestiges of the 1950s tune up: condenser, points and plugs. Spark plugs have hung around for 50 years with little or no improvement in spite of the electrical advances throughout the engine.

Pulse plugs, on the other hand, have taken advantage of the latest advances in Pulsed Power Technology, the science of efficiently compressing electrical power. Whereas all spark plugs have only 50 watts of peak power, pulse plugs have over 500 watts. And just like another automotive revolution, replacing automaker supplied audio components with high wattage aftermarket components, the more watts, the better the performance. Pulse plugs ignite fuel more efficiently, resulting in much improved fuel economy and lower greenhouse gas emissions.

Best of all, pulse plugs are a simple, drop-in replacement for spark plugs. Your engine's computer is pretty smart and will recognize and adjust to the newly introduced technology. You can expect improved acceleration with a more responsive throttle. When you're not stepping on it, you will be rewarded with an average of 6% improvement in fuel economy. Over the 50,000-mile life of pulse plugs, you could reduce greenhouse gases by as much as 1 to 2 tons. ■

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Spring your Car Back to Life

There's that distinct smell in the air, mornings aren't so chilly, and it's obvious that summer is just around the corner. Hopefully, your family vehicle has made it through the winter unscathed – and you might be thinking of putting it back into warm-weather mode.

You'll want to rinse off all the salt, put your summer tires back on, get the paint protected and give the interior a good cleaning – as well as taking care of any and all springtime maintenance which might be required.

Here are some tips and pointers to ready your wheels for warmer weather and summertime road trips.

Under the hood

Your engine and transmission have a variety of fluids and filters to keep them running at their best: fuel, oil, coolant, and more. Winter is hard on these fluids – especially the transmission fluid and engine oil.

Grab a service manual and change any fluids that might need to be replaced, or take your ride to your favorite lube-shop to have the work done professionally.

Don't take fluids lightly – many a mechanic says that they're the life-blood of your vehicle. If you neglect them, you shouldn't expect your car to be healthy for the long term.

Make sure to change your air filter on time as well, as a plugged or dirty filter can cost you performance and mileage. Also, if your older engine seems a little under the weather, why not try some intake tract cleaner? It costs about \$10 and removes years of grime from your intake and vacuum hoses. Often times, it's all that's needed to bring a sluggish engine back to life.

Remember that no matter how new and advanced your car might be, it still needs to be maintained. If not, it could emit 50 percent more pollution or use 50 percent more fuel than a vehicle which has been neglected. Note that such neglect will often void your new-car warranty. If you have any questions about maintenance, check your owners manual or give your vehicle's dealership a call: they'll be happy to inform you of the proper procedures.

Out of town or away from your dealership? Require a fluid change or other work performed at a franchise shop or local mechanic? Be sure to save your receipts. Although visiting a non-dealer establishment for service while on a road-trip is rarely a problem, it pays to hold onto any records to be safe.

Have you ever wondered what to put in your tank before a road trip? To decide between the premium and regular grades of gasoline, just look in your owner's manual. If your car only needs 87 octane fuel and you feed it 91 or more hoping for better mileage, more power or some cleaning effect, you're simply wasting your money. Be assured that the petroleum companies care little if you spend the extra 12 cents per litre needlessly. There is no increase in power or mileage to be had by feeding a run-of-the-mill engine premium gas.

Rims

Perhaps your factory alloy wheels sat in the garage all winter with summer tires mounted. Once back on your vehicle, they can be kept clean with a "tire and wheel cleaner" from your favorite car-care section, or scrubbed clean with a soft brush when washing. Remember: never use the same sponge or rag to wash your vehicle's paint and clean the rims. Brake dust (formed as your brake-pads wear down) collects on wheels and is harmful to your finish.

You can protect against heavy brake-dust buildup on your rims with a wheel protection spray, or simply wipe some WD40 over their surface with a clean rag to form a slick layer that the brake dust will have a hard time sticking to.

Brakes

What's behind those rims is one of the most important parts of your vehicle: its brakes. Winter driving can put a lot of wear and tear on brake components with added dirt and salt exposure, more frequent use of ABS and ESP systems, and extremes of temperature. Springtime is ideal to have your brakes checked professionally and ensure that they work their best should you need to panic stop.

Cleaning and Detailing Tips

The family minivan or SUV sees a lot of dirt in a given week. Muddy shoes, hockey bags and slurpee-wielding toddlers are just a few of the culprits – and cleaning your family ride can often be a bit of a nightmare. But it doesn't have to be.

It's a great idea to maintain your vehicles interior and exterior for the longevity of its paint and carpeting, so here are some tips to ensure a long-lasting shine and pleasant, clean interior.

Exterior

First things first: it is NOT okay to wash your car with dish soap. Car finishes (like your skin) require a gentle cleaner to take away grime but leave behind protection. Your car's paint has protective finishes built in, and possibly remnants of its last coat of wax. Trouble is, dish-soap thinks these things are just leftover turkey supper and strips them away: not ideal to keep your car looking new. Remember that protecting the paint also protects the sheetmetal underneath it.

Your paint takes plenty of abuse over the winter. We've all been stuck behind a plough-truck as it dumps heaping chunks of salt all over the roadway, often times chipping away at the front of your machine. A paint sealant, or at least a coat of wax, is a good idea to maintain a barrier which keeps your vehicle's finish protected from such damage.

Don't have the time or elbow grease to do a full wax job yourself? Check the car-care isle at your favourite store on your next visit and look for a quick-detailer or wax spray. Products are available which can be misted over the damp vehicle after washing, and then wiped off as you dry, leaving behind a protective and water-repellant coating.

Interior

The footwell carpeting of your vehicle is probably covered in a crusty concoction of sand and salt. It might look hopeless, but the fix is fairly simple. Rent the carpet steam cleaner from your favourite grocery store and make sure to get the upholstery wand attachment. This will allow you to clean inside your vehicle.

Doing so will help make sure that no sand or salt is left behind to be ground into your carpeting and wear it out prematurely. The steam cleaner can also be used to remove stains from seating areas – just be sure to let them dry completely before driving.

Don't forget to protect the plastic parts like your dashboard and console. They're designed to be durable, but they put up with a lot of wear and tear from sunlight and extreme temperatures. Any protection you can offer will see them lasting longer. But be careful: if you cheap out on cleaners, you may wind up with worn-out or cracked surfaces. Make sure you look for a product guaranteed not to damage vehicle components.

A Handy Accessory

Hate it when people get into your car without cleaning off their shoes from dirt and sand outside? Don't want to wait for the next visit to the car-wash to vacuum your floor mats? Why not invest in a 12-volt portable car-vac? It resembles the traditional dust-buster you might have at home, though when plugged into your cigarette lighter, it allows quick and easy cleaning of the vehicles floor while on the go.

Top five items that significantly impact fuel economy

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2. Proper wheel alignment
3. Properly tuned engine
4. Properly operating brakes
5. Properly following maintenance schedules

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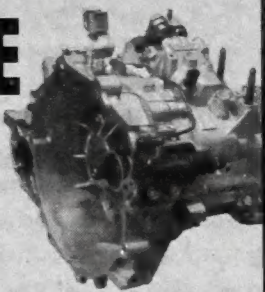
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Avoid Auto Breakdowns

Your car probably receives less attention than it should. Regular maintenance checks and simple service can greatly reduce the cost of car ownership and help avoid breakdowns.

Most of the car maintenance tips, checks and services described here can be done at little or no cost. Best of all, they are quick and easy to do and they can save time, money and inconvenience down the road. Always refer to your owner's manual when performing any maintenance task on your vehicle.

Check the antifreeze/coolant level weekly. Some cars have transparent reservoirs with level markings. Fill to level marking with 50/50 solution of antifreeze and water. Do not remove the pressure cap when engine is hot.

Inspect belts and hoses monthly. Replace worn, glazed or frayed belts. Tighten them when more than 1/2" of slack can be depressed between the pulleys. Vehicles with spring loaded belt tensioners require no adjustment. Replace bulging, rotten, or brittle hoses and tighten clamps. If a hose looks bad, or feels too soft or too hard, it should be replaced.

Check transmission fluid monthly with engine warm and running, and parking brake on. Shift to drive, then to park. Remove dipstick, wipe dry, insert it and remove it again. Add the approved type fluid, if needed. Do not overfill!

Check oil every other fill up. Remove the dipstick, wipe it clean. Insert it fully and remove it again. If it is low, add oil. To maintain peak performance, change oil every 3,000 miles or 3 months, whichever comes first. Replace oil filter with every oil change.

Check the air filter every other month. Replace it when it's dirty or as part of a tune-up. It is easy to reach, right under the big metal "lid" in a carbureted engine; or in a rectangular box at the forward end of the air duct hose assembly.

Check brake fluid monthly. First, wipe dirt from the brake master cylinder reservoir lid. Pry off the retainer clip and remove the lid or unscrew plastic lid, depending on which type your vehicle has. If you need fluid, add the approved type and check for possible leaks throughout the system. Fill to mark on reservoir. Caution: Do not overfill.

Keep windshield washer fluid reservoir full. When topping off, use some windshield washer fluid on a rag to clean off the wiper blades. In winter months, pay attention to the freezing point of the washer fluid.

Use extreme caution when handling a battery since it can produce explosive gases. Do not smoke,

create a spark or light a match near a battery and always wear protective glasses and gloves. Have it checked with every oil change. Cables should be attached securely and be free of corrosion. If battery has filler holes, add only clear, odorless drinking water. ■

Give your car some TLC and save money, lives

A few simple car care tips can ensure your vehicle's dependability in the months ahead.

Spring is in the air and drivers' thoughts are turning to relaxing summer jaunts and extensive road trips. But while you're planning your vacation, you also need to think about a tune-up, experts say. After all, the physical state of your vehicle can save you money and cut the odds of a nasty road accident.

With gas prices expected to rise to the as usual during the key summer driving season, good car maintenance now is all the more important. There are things you can do to keep your car running efficiently, and you can squeeze out a few more miles to the gallon.

A vehicle's air filter is very important because it keeps dust and dirt out of fuel system, so if it's dirty is can decrease gas mileage.

Many car drivers are traveling America's roads with defective lighting. In a recent check - thirteen percent of vehicles inspected needed work on their left, right or third brake light, while 9 percent of vehicles needed work on at least one of their license plate lights. Six percent had their "Check Engine" light on.

Tires are also important. If they are not inflated properly, it's like driving with the parking brake on. Twenty-one percent of the vehicles inspected by the Car Care Council had improperly inflated tires, and 16 percent had worn tread and were in need of replacement. Another 11 percent of vehicles had damaged tires.

One in every five cars is running around without the proper tire pressure, so it's wasting gas and wearing its tires out.

The thing is, most of these issues are relatively simple and inexpensive to fix. Think of it as preventive maintenance; it's a lot like going to the dentist regularly — it's a whole lot better to keep your teeth clean and go for regular checkups rather than go through the pain of having a crown, or a root canal.

There's a far more important reason to check tire pressure, lights and other parts of your vehicle, like transmission and brake fluids, which can impair driving performance and damage internal parts if not properly maintained.

Check power steering fluid level once per month. Simply remove the reservoir dipstick. If the level is down, add fluid and inspect the pump and hoses for leaks.

Neglected vehicle maintenance leads to more than 2,600 of the approximately 43,000 deaths each year on America's road and nearly 100,000 disabling injuries according to the National Car Care Council. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that motor vehicle crashes are the eighth-leading cause of death among all age groups

Keeping a car clean, maintaining it according to a manufacturer's specifications, maintaining good car maintenance records and giving it an "annual physical" can also keep your car in better shape, and maintain its resale value.

Cars are usually the second largest purchase for most people, right after their house. It makes sense to take care of your automobile, not only for sustaining its worth, but for safety purposes as well. ■

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Local Resident and Company Step up to Support African Village

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Very soon Chris Kegel will be packing up his suitcases and heading thousands of miles away to Uganda, in East Africa. He's not getting any vacation time in though; instead his suitcases are packed with tools ready to help villagers in a town named Kamengo, located southwest of Kampala (the capital of Uganda).

Chris is travelling with Friends of the Ugandan Child a project under the umbrella of the Canada Africa Community Health Alliance.

One key objective of Friends of the Ugandan child is, "To strengthen the capacity of orphans and vulnerable children, to manage the challenges they face and to improve their economic status. We provide training in life skills, HIV/AIDS, coping skills, and values through events such as seminars and counselling services via peer educators/counsellors. We also provide vocational skills through the matching orphans and vulnerable children to artisans and sponsorship to training institutions."

Chris's journey began when his employees, Patient News Publishing, decided to support the village. A couple from Ottawa, Les Gorman and his wife Diane, had been going to the village for the past five years helping in any way they could. After travelling to Africa had become too much they decided that they should pass the torch to someone else.

The Gorman's had become involved after Jimmy Sebulime, a Ugandan who moved to Canada and lives in Ottawa, ran into Les and told him about his on-going project in Kamengo, his home town. Jimmy is an employee of CACHA and puts together medical teams to help support villages in Uganda.

Patient News will carry on with what Les and Diane and a host of other people started. The publishing company, according to Chris, "isn't looking to do it independently, we are looking for community support and encouraging everybody who wants to get involved to contact us." The Gorman's had been helping with infrastructure issues and building a community centre in the village.

Chris is heading to Kamengo for three weeks beginning April 15th. At the start of his trip he'll be supporting the medical team in any way that he can, such as counting pills for five or six hours a night. Adding to that he'll be working on infrastructure projects such as fixing electrical issues in their community centre as well as informing the villagers about solar energy and helping to fix wells.

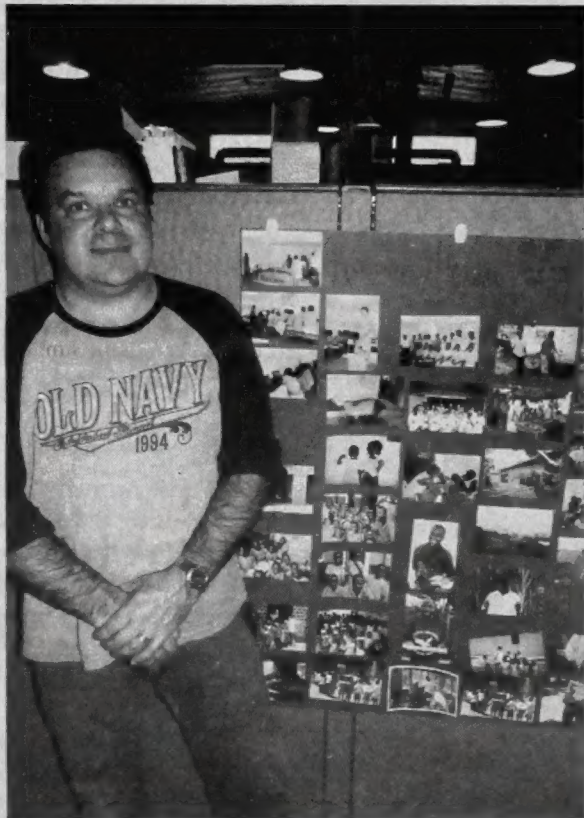
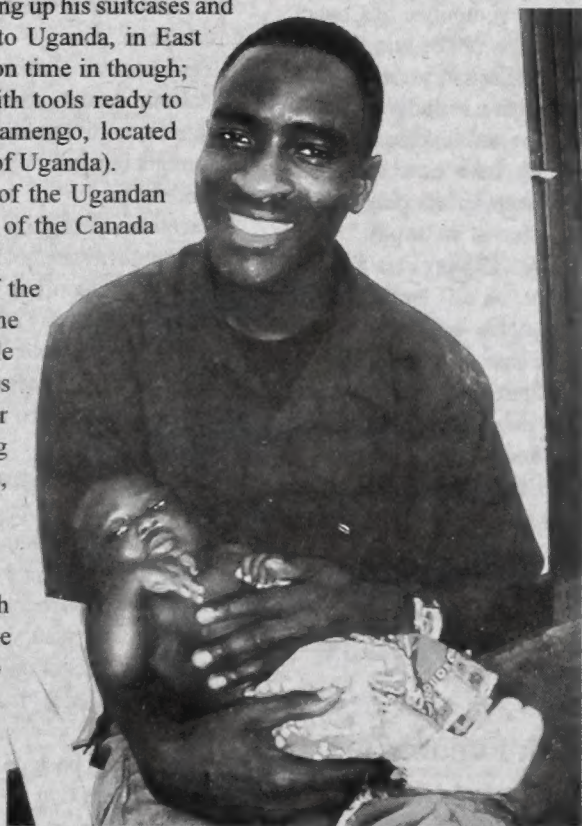
One of the key points of the trip is to give the villagers feelings of self-worth and self-reliance. Many homes in the village use kerosene to light their lamps however the project wishes to bring in solar lamps which will reduce the dangers associated with kerosene. Moreover the lamps are at a cost of \$15 although they could donate the lamps to the villagers, as the idea is for them to become self-reliant. Chris explains, "It's not about throwing money at the problem, it doesn't solve anything. They spend approximately \$3 a month on fuel, so once they have paid off the cost of the lamp that's another cost they don't have to worry about."

Along with the solar lamps the project hopes to install a full solar system in the future. More than 80 per cent of Africa's population are without electricity. This means that human development suffers as schools, hospitals, businesses and computer networks all rely on electricity.

Many of the villagers use mobile phones yet due to the faulty electricity in the village the group hopes to put in a mobile phone charging station in the community centre.

Due to epidemics such as HIV/AIDS many villages have a large population of under 16s with few middle aged villagers resulting in children raising children or grandparents raising children. Friends of the Ugandan Child aims to teach them life skills to better themselves for the future.

Chris has been in discussions with Living Water International, who implement participatory, community-based water solutions in developing countries. Since they began their mission 10 years ago, they've completed more than 9,000 water projects for communities in 26 countries. They already have a team in Uganda who will be assisting with the existing well in Kamengo, the project hopes to install a water storage tank in the village. Currently



villagers including children have to trek three miles to the nearest well and then carry 50lb of water back to the village.

Furthermore that water may still be contaminated and unsafe to drink resulting in illness. The long term plan is to put in a purification system.

Importantly the project is about partnering with the residents of the village, Chris says, "it's about getting feedback from them, asking them what they want as opposed to us coming in and telling them what they need."

Patients News will be hosting a fundraising car wash on the Victoria Day long weekend to continue to raise awareness for the project and to raise money. It'll start at 9am and will run throughout the afternoon with a BBQ for customers while they wait. The Haliburton Fire Department will be there lending a hand with their pumper truck and kids are welcome to check it out. If any individuals or businesses would like to assist, whether by donation or by volunteering their time they can contact Corina Hall-McKee at chall-mckee@patientnews.com.

Left: Chris Kegel stands next to a poster display of photographs from previous trips volunteers have been on to Uganda.

Above Left: Jimmy Sebulime an employee of the Canada Africa Community Health Alliance.



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Algonquin Highlands Municipal Summary

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Dorset Rink Project Moves Forward

The Dorset Park Committee is anxious to move forward with plans to improve their rink and the members now have approval in hand from both the Algonquin Highlands Council and Lake of Bays Council to seek quotes for engineered drawings for the project. Committee Chair Brad Johnson and Recreation Coordinator Melissa Alfano appeared before the Algonquin Highlands Council at their meeting of April 1st, to provide an update on the project.

Johnson, who has been chairing the committee for the past two years, gave the Council a brief background on the rink project, saying that initially the committee had been established to look at the rehabilitation of the park as a whole which had included the skating rink, roof for the ice surface, ball diamond and open space. According to Johnson, after a public meeting in early 2008 the focus shifted to the rink surface itself. He said, "We haven't ruled out a roof for the rink, but we realize the financial constraints involved."

With soil testing and survey work completed, Johnson asked for permission to obtain engineered drawings for a slab for the rink. He commented on the differing processes used by Lake of Bays and Algonquin Highlands, and said that he ultimately approached a contractor for an estimate which could be used as a guideline only. According to Johnson, the cost to replace the surface of the rink with concrete would be approximately \$156,000.

"The next step is to receive support from both municipalities to request quotations for engineered drawings on the project," Johnson said, adding that Lake of Bays had already authorized the committee to proceed.

"We're not looking to spend money at this point; just proceed to get a quote," he said.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison advised Johnson that no additional monies had been budgeted in 2010 for anything other than normal operations. She also commented that the Council had been reluctant to proceed with anything until formal terms of reference for the committee was established.

Several questions were posed by members of Council, but Councillor Carol Moffatt suggested taking a step back and looking at the structure of the committee. "You don't really have a committee. You have interested people, but it hasn't been decided if they are an arm of Council or whether they should be established as a formal committee."

"My concern is that this is being handled piecemeal and there is no long term plans for the project," she said, but Johnson confirmed that prior to proceeding with any other plans, the committee would come back to Council to discuss it.

Johnson said, "We need to have the project well defined before going beyond the township itself for money. Lake of Bays is looking for a clearly defined goal and before we seek funding we need an accurate cost estimate and that requires engineered drawings."

Council decided to review the committee's draft terms of reference before going any further. Considerable time was spent on determining whether this would be a committee of Council, or a subcommittee of the Recreation Committee and how the members would be appointed. Again Moffatt had questions about the committee's actual purpose and whether it included more than the rink itself. She said, "I want the right words in place to ensure that the folks involved don't think they have carte blanche to proceed beyond the rink; so that everyone in the playing field understands the process. We've had problems in the past."

Johnson assured Council that there is a Councillor and staff member from both municipalities at all of the committee meetings. While Council appeared to agree that this would be a sub-committee of the Recreation Committee, they also felt that some 'tweaking' of the terms of reference was necessary. Johnson inquired whether this would delay proceeding to seek quotations but the Council generally accepted that the Lake of Bays purchasing policy would apply. They also acknowledged that they would always have the option of voting any step of the project down.

Council passed a resolution that supported the committee proceeding to request quotations for engineered drawings and acknowledged that by having good terms of reference in place it would be easier to proceed with the project.

Oxtongue Lake to Seek Funding for Community Centre

According to Recreation Coordinator Melissa Alfano, the Oxtongue Lake Community Centre Committee has been working hard on preparing a grant application to improve the community centre. Some time ago, Council authorized the committee to prepare a draft outline of the application and the committee was ready to take the next step and submit the application to Farm Credit Canada.

Although the list of improvements and repairs is quite extensive before this old fieldstone building can be returned to its former glory, Alfano said that, after much deliberation, the committee had decided to tackle the kitchen first if they are successful with their application.

In their submission to Council, the committee provided a very simple rationale; if it's easier to prepare a meal, people are much more likely to rent the hall. The committee anticipates that with a new kitchen and increased rentals, community enthusiasm to pursue other projects on the community hall like the decor, paint and gardens would be more likely.

The committee has consulted the municipal building department as well as the Health unit and the space has been designed by a professional kitchen designer.

Council was very pleased to see renewed interest continue in the facility and readily authorized submission of the Farm Credit Canada grant application under the Agri-Spirit Fund.

Council Considers Rental Policy

A request by the Aging Well Committee to waive rental fees for the Stanhope Firefighters Community Hall for a public meeting led the Algonquin Highlands Council to take a look at their rental policy for community facilities.

A draft policy was prepared for Council's consideration, proposing that only the township's departments and committees of Council, the County of Haliburton and its committees as well as any provincial and federal government would be automatically

offered facilities at no charge. In addition requests from not-for-profit organizations would be submitted to Council for individual consideration.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison questioned whether the draft policy was specific enough, adding that their decision might be based on whether or not the groups using the facility were raising funds. "This might be a bit ambiguous and I'm wondering if it will solve the problem."

Recreation Coordinator Melissa Alfano reminded Harrison that when committees are holding fund raising events they are usually raising money to offset municipal budgetary requirements, so should not have to pay a fee.

Several questions were raised about the federal and provincial government having access to municipal facilities at no cost, but Alfano advised that the municipality is often given little choice in the matter.

The subject of funerals and whether a charge should apply came up, particularly as in Stanhope a reduced fee applies. Alfano also commented that the Dorset Life Liners quite often cater to events and then in turn, offer assistance to various recreation projects and no one wanted to interfere with that relationship.

As the conversation continued Moffatt suggested that the Council was 'nickel and diming' the bereaved and Councillor Don Shortreed said, "Leave things alone for Dorset unless you want me to have to prepay my funeral fees," which effectively brought Council back on track.

At the suggestion of Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner, Council agreed to add funeral receptions to the list where fees would be waived and passed a resolution adopting the policy.

Earth Week Tire Round-Up

"Collect 'em up and bring 'em in for free."

This year Algonquin Highlands will be instituting their first annual Earth Week Tire Round-up which will encourage residents to bring their used tires to either the Maple Lake or Oxtongue Lake landfills during Earth Week which falls between April 16th and 25th.

Manager of Operations Brian Whetstone told Council that full credit for this innovative idea should be given entirely to Gayle Short. Short, who is the Waste Reduction Coordinator for the municipality, was responsible for implementing the Big Red program which was the beginning of the community's e-waste handling.

Whetstone said, "This should clean up the tires throughout the township. Once we have 75 tires or more we simply call the Ontario Tire Stewardship and they will come and pick them up."

In a memo to Council Short suggested that this would be a great opportunity to promote the used tire program and motivate residents. Short said, "With a limited budget and a dash of creativity staff will promote the event to attract as much attention as possible," and Council voiced their enthusiasm for the idea.

According to Short, it's a win/win situation. Residents will not only be getting rid of all of their used tires, they will be providing material that ultimately is recycled into products used for sports fields, running tracks and playground surfaces.

Council Considers Public Works Equipment & Facilities

Over the last few weeks Operations Manager Brian Whetstone has been doing some serious thinking about his equipment needs and rather than proceeding with the

acquisition of a multi-purpose tractor with roadside brusher, blower and loader attachment he had a suggestion that should enhance productivity.

When Whetstone advised Council that he felt it would be more efficient for the funds to be used for two small one ton dump trucks last month, the Council asked him to complete an equipment inventory and charts showing usage.

The information was reviewed and a lot of questions asked about equipment use and the loss of productivity under certain circumstances.

Despite the fact that Council

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had been prepared to utilize approximately \$200,000 out of equipment reserves during 2010, Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner suggested purchasing only one of the two vehicles. Whetstone addressed the dilemma that would create as the vehicles he wanted to purchase are required in both yards and with only one he said assigning equipment would be difficult.

Councillor Carol Moffatt reminded Council that one of the first things Council had agreed to during pre-budget discussions was to spend \$200,000 on equipment. Councillor Don Shortreed said, "Either buy two or don't buy them at all as one won't work."

A vote was taken and Council agreed to the acquisition, with the exception of Gardner who voted in opposition. Whetstone was also authorized to purchase a landscape trailer and a lawn tractor/snow blower.

Council Authorizes Emergency Measures Review

Community Emergency Measures Coordinator John Packer approached Council last week about contracting a bit of additional expertise to review existing plans that are in place. Packer suggested to Council that ever increasing provincial demands for new programs and planning activities have created additional pressure on staff.

Packer said, "This year with the G-8 and Consequence Planning using the EMO template, the development of evacuation/reception centre planning and developing an animal care emergency response plan, along with planning for the annual exercise, we are finding ourselves entering into areas where some expertise is required."

Councillor Carol Moffatt said, "So in theory, you are asking this person to do things that are part of your job description. You get paid and she gets paid to do the same thing."

Reeve Eleanor Harrison stepped in and said that when Packer had been appointed as CEMC the workload had been considerably less. "This person will take away some of the extra workload."

Packer advised that with the funds saved from the municipalities collaborating with the County for the annual exercise there would be sufficient savings to cover the additional cost of the consultant. After discussing the need for the work to be contracted within the purchasing policy guidelines, Council finally authorized Packer to speak with the consultant and verify the cost.

Hangar Development Discussions Deferred

During the April 1st meeting, Council was originally scheduled to discuss a new aircraft hangar proposal submitted for consideration by Airport Manager John Packer. When Council came to that agenda item, Reeve Harrison advised that the report would be accepted as information only as a subsequent report was anticipated from Packer which will be discussed at the April 5th meeting.

Harrison made a statement to the effect that there seemed to be some public misconceptions about the hangar program. She said, "Developing hangars at the airport is not a new program. This has been ongoing since the 70's with a bit of tweaking along the way and possibly should be looked at again. It was initially developed as an incentive package to promote and market the airport."

It should be noted that the County Voice is in possession of a memorandum from the Maple Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners Association to Council offering some points about hangar development for Council's consideration. The memo was submitted to Council for their consideration the day prior to the meeting. The Voice has noted that the anticipated revenues reported in Packer's initial hangar proposal differ substantially from the calculations made by MBC and this may be one of the reasons that the discussion was deferred and another factor in Packer's decision to provide a subsequent/updated report for Council to consider at their next meeting. ■

Growing Up Cavity-Free

Free Dental Screening Session For Pre-School Children Coming To Minden in April

Put a smile on young children's faces by helping them brush up on good oral health habits.

Local families can get help for this at a free Dental Screening Clinic being offered for pre-school children in Haliburton County. The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is organizing the clinic on a first-come, first-served basis on Wednesday, April 14, from 11 am to 1 pm at the Ontario Early Years Centre – Minden Resource Centre, located at the back of the Sears Building (144 Bobcaygeon Road) in Minden. Families can get more details about the clinic by calling the Early Years Centre in Minden at (705) 286-1770.

A Registered Dental Hygienist with the Health Unit will do a visual dental screening of a child's mouth, and can provide recommendations on care and treatment. Parents can also discuss any oral health concerns with Health Unit staff, while finding out about oral health resources. Information about urgent dental coverage available through the Children In Need Of Treatment (CINOT) Program and Ontario Works will be provided as well.

The screening clinic for pre-school children coincides with Oral Health Month in April, and is also meant to assist with the rising cases of Early Childhood Tooth Decay (ECTD) in the area. Dental screening done by Health Unit staff during the 2008/2009 school year found approximately 17 per cent of Junior Kindergarten and Senior Kindergarten students in Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes have experienced ECTD.

"Early Childhood Tooth Decay is an aggressive form of tooth decay that can cause a lot of discomfort for young children," says Anna Rusak, a Health Promoter with the HKPR District Health Unit. "It destroys teeth, and if left untreated, can affect a child's eating habits, growth and development, and overall health."

Over the past year, the Health Unit has been promoting the importance of families to book a first dental visit for their young children by their first birthday. This practice, recommended by the Canadian Dental Association, is a way to check on the oral health of young children, promote good habits to support healthy teeth and head off pain and problems down the road. Says Rusak: "A first dental visit is not so much a check up, as a check in with a dental professional."

The Health Unit provides dental screening in all area elementary schools. Given the high rates of ECTD in the area, this service may also be expanded in the future to include local child care facilities and reach local children before they start school, Rusak notes. ■

RBC Gives \$1000 to Haliburton's YWCA Women's Centre

On March 29, 2010, Elizabeth O'Connor, Investment Planner with RBC Dominion Securities presented a cheque for \$1,000 to the YWCA Women's Centre of Haliburton County. With this donation, RBC Dominion Securities continued its longstanding tradition of giving back to charitable organizations in Haliburton County.

"Thank you so much to RBC for your leadership and philanthropy in our community. When we all work together, we find the solutions to keep our most vulnerable citizens safe. This RBC gift will help the YWCA to keep HERS available for women and children fleeing abuse. They will find a safe place close to home and get the help and support they need," said Lynn Zimmer, Executive Director, YWCA Peterborough, Victoria & Haliburton.

Elizabeth O'Connor has had an outstanding investment career that has spanned more than two decades and included a term as Vice President and Director of RBC Dominion Securities.

The YWCA exists to support the right of all women and their families to live free from violence, poverty and oppression. The Women's Centre in Haliburton County offers resources, counseling and support services that are free, confidential and respectful in a safe, women-centred environment. The YWCA also offers the Haliburton Emergency Rural Safespace (HERS), an emergency shelter for women and their children who are fleeing abuse in Haliburton County. ■



The YWCA's Lynn Zimmer accepts cheque from RBC's Elizabeth O'Connor

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Bank Bunnies Spread Easter Joy in Wilberforce

Liz Danielson
Staff Reporter

Last Wednesday 'the two Brendas' from the Scotia Bank in Wilberforce spread a bit of Easter joy around the community. Brenda Berning and Brenda Peckford, who have often been partners in crime when organizing community events, worked in cooperation with the Easter Bunny to provide a basket of sweet treats for all of the children from the Wilberforce Elementary School from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6. It was a warm and sunny morning and just perfect for the kids to walk over to the bank from the school and line up for treats from a smiling bunny with big purple ears. Everyone was on their best behaviour and, while a few were a bit shy, posed smiling for pictures. The treats were provided through the generosity of Scotia Bank. ■



Eggs, Chocolate, Bluegrass and Sunshine

Lyn Winans
Photojournalist



Things were "hopping" on the main street this Easter Sunday as over 120 kids, along with their folks, searched for over 2,000 hidden eggs. The Easter egg hunt was sponsored by the municipal employees of CUPE local 4286, and hosted by the township of Minden Hills. Organizer, clerk and by-law officer, Paula Stamp and head judge, reeve Jim McMahon, presented prizes for the best costumes and best decorated

baskets in each of the three age categories. Plans are already in the works for an even bigger hunt next Easter.

While the young ones were egg-hunting, the Dominion Hotel was serving up their Easter-brunch fare with live bluegrass performed by Rhyme n' Reason. The sunny, warm weather, colourful costumes, crowds of egg enthusiasts and energetic music combined to create a festive atmosphere on Minden's main street, hopefully this first successful spring event will be an omen of things to come this summer.

And over at the Minden and Haliburton arenas the annual Coby Hockey Tournament was in full swing. Hockey? This weekend felt like summer had begun. ■



Getting a Head Start

Relay for Life team, "Driving for the Cure" isn't sitting around waiting for donations. On Easter Sunday they hosted a pancake breakfast at the Lions Hall in Minden. Proceeds will go towards the fight to beat cancer. ■

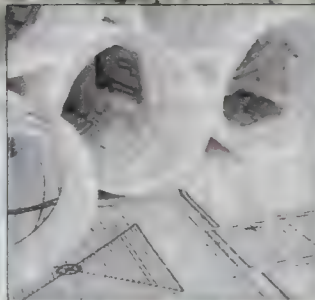


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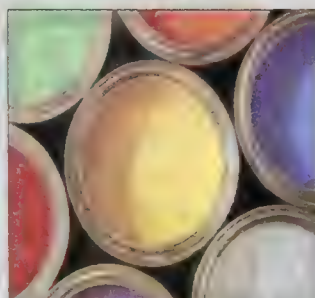
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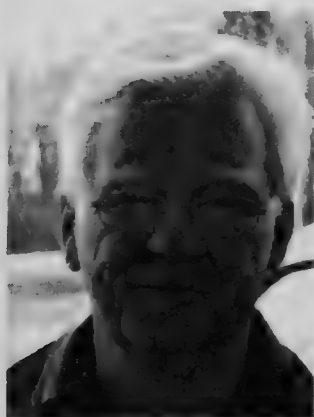
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Have Your Say... VOX POP

After the slaughter of nine wolves that were found in woodland in Haliburton County last week do you believe the wolf population has grown out of control? Do you think a bounty should be reinstated? Should people be able to kill them?



Jack Virgin,
Haliburton



Lawrence vanLieshout,
Haliburton

I'm a believer in nature taking its course, if there are a lot of deer about then there are probably lots of wolves too. However once the deer population dwindles so does the wolf population. I don't believe in the bounty at all. People should only shoot them if they are being threatened or their property, other than that they shouldn't.

I don't know if there is an over population, I've never seen any so I don't think so. The bounty is definitely not the way it should go. They should be controlled if they are over populated though or if it's a situation where the person is in danger but they shouldn't just be shot for no reason.



Patricia Bormanis,
Kennisis Lake



Wilma Trawley,
Eagle Lake

I haven't seen any and I live on Kennisis Lake so I'm sure I would have seen lots if they were over populated. There shouldn't be a bounty, it's cruel. In some areas wolves are endangered species. Obviously if someone's life is at risk then they should be shot but I would like to see more ministry policing which should be very careful policing.

I don't think the population has gone out of control, we live near the woods and I've only seen one once. As soon as they see you they're gone anyways. I've been camping a lot too in Algonquin Park and I've never been bothered by them. I don't think a bounty should be reinstated. I do think it's within peoples rights to shoot an animal that is harassing people or livestock.

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Still Streaming



A slowdown of the Gulf Stream and the entire "ocean conveyor belt" circulation has not begun to occur as predicted by some climate models. Scientists from the U.K. and NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory say that while there is considerable variability in the global current system, long-term trends remain neutral. It had been believed that accelerated melting of ice sheets would cause changes in salinity that could disrupt the climate-controlling currents. But despite recent record Arctic melting, there has been no discernible change in the North Atlantic component of the global thermohaline system, researchers say. The Gulf Stream is key to keeping Western Europe much warmer than its latitude north of the equator would normally allow. The warm current keeps Europe as much as 7 to 11 degrees Fahrenheit warmer than it would otherwise be.

Plastic Food Vortex



Researchers exploring an area of the mid-Pacific containing vast amounts of plastic pollution say they have discovered that remnants of the plastic could be making it back into the human food supply in the fish that are eating it. The Great Pacific Garbage Patch, also known as the Pacific Trash Vortex, contains high concentrations of plastics, chemicals and other debris that have become trapped by the currents of the North Pacific Gyre currents. Scientists from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography say they have found pieces of plastic in the guts of fish found in the vortex. University of California, San Diego graduate student Pete Davison, who dissected the fish, told the nonprofit voiceofsandiego.org news site that mostly smaller fish had consumed the tiny plastic particles. But he said those fish are, in turn, eaten by larger, commercially fished species.

Mystery Deaths



Marine mammal experts are scrambling to uncover what has caused a mass death of baby right whales along southern Argentina's Patagonian coast over the past three years. The International Whaling Commission has convened an urgent meeting near where more than 300 dead whales were found. "It has been established that a die-off like this was a completely unknown phenomenon and nothing like it has been seen anywhere else in the world," said Argentine Whale Conservation Institute president Diego Taboada. Most of the fatalities have been among baby southern right whales, which have appeared to be severely malnourished.

Submerged Threat



A leading Italian volcanologist warned that Europe's largest undersea volcano could crumble at any time, unleashing a tsunami that would engulf southern Italy with little warning. Enzo Boschi told the *Corriere della Sera* daily that the Marsili volcano has fragile walls that could collapse. "Our latest research shows ... its walls are fragile and the magma chamber is of sizeable dimensions," Boschi said. A collapse could result in "a strong tsunami that could strike the coasts of Campania, Calabria and Sicily," Boschi told the paper. Marsili rises from the floor of the Tyrrhenian Sea about 90 miles southwest of Naples. It has not erupted during recorded history.

Tropical Cyclone



Storm-force Cyclone Paul drenched parts of Australia's Northern Territory with as much as 17 inches of rainfall as it drifted ashore from the Gulf of Carpentaria. Resulting floods washed out roads, isolating communities to the southeast of Darwin.

Earthquakes



A 6.6 magnitude quake centered in India's remote Nicobar Islands in the Bay of Bengal jolted a wide area from Myanmar to the Indian mainland, hundreds of miles away. The only injuries caused by the quake occurred when two people jumped from a roof during the shaking.

• A sharp quake in northern Chile's Atacama region caused landslides and prompted the evacuation of schools and other public buildings.

• Earth movements were also felt in New Mexico, central Washington, coastal Maine and southern parts of the San Francisco Bay Area.

Social Laughter



The cackling and giggling sounds for which hyenas are well known have been deciphered by scientists who say they tell a lot about individual animals of the species. Writing in the open access journal *BMC Ecology*, Frédéric Theunissen from the University of California at Berkeley, and colleagues, says the giggles' pitch and timbre may help the hyenas establish social pecking orders. The researchers found that the pitch of the giggle reveals a hyena's age, while variations in the frequency of notes contain information about how high it ranks in order of dominance. The researchers studied a captive population of African spotted hyenas at a field station at Berkeley. The study revealed that "whoops," with long intervals between the vocalizations, were found to come from two individuals that have become separated. "Grunts" or "soft growls" are emitted when hyenas of the same clan come into close contact with each other.

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**Debra Lambe**
Haliburton Office
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ext. 244**Superb Lakefront - \$449,000**

Log/frame cottage/home on absolutely fabulous level lot w/sand beach/east exp./big lake view/good privacy. This 2 BR/2 bath (potential for a 3rd. BR) cottage features renovated kit w/cupboards & pine ceiling, bright LR w/river rock stone fp, lots of windows & pic wic pine walls, lg log fam rm, laundry room. Pine ceilings & floors in most of home and pine int. doors. Other features incl lg & cedar ext. lg lakeside deck off home & at shore. Good docks, circ. drive, high speed internet. Presently bunkie w/loft being

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**Denise LeBlanc**
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**Fred Chapple**
Minden Office
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ext. 43**North Pigeon Lake - \$249,500**

Spacious three bedroom Cottage, fully winterized for four season use. Wonderful big lake view with southern exposure. Docking and access to Pigeon Lake across Deep Bay road. Featuring a stone fireplace in the living room, sauna, large hot tub and a detached workshop/garage with sundeck above. Very private four acre property. Newly shingled roof. Excellent fishing, boating and swimming await!!

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Spacious open concept Viceroy Cottage on popular South Lake. Year round access. Full basement, large deck and fully winterized for four season enjoyment. Conveniently located to Minden and only 2 1/2 hours to the GTA!

**Geoff Bunn**
Haliburton Office
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ext. 242**Beach River - \$309,900**

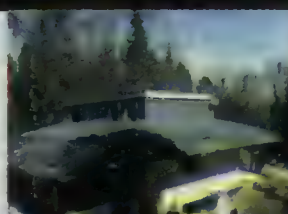
Four season residential home on Beech River with boating into a 3 lake chain that includes Boshkung, Little Boshkung and Twelve Mile. The lot is very private and at the end of a township maintained road. The Beech River hiking trail is just steps away. The house is a 3 + 1 bedroom, 2 bath house, screened in porch, full finished walk out basement. In a great area with easy access to amenities.

**Eagle Lake Home - \$239,900**

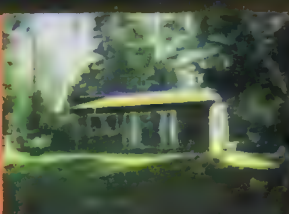
Close to public access on Eagle Lake, shopping and skiing. Well cared for and charming 1 1/2 storey - 3 bedroom home/w attached single car garage, in the village of Eagle Lake within a short walking distance to Public Beach and Shopping Centre. Short distance to Sir Sam's Skiing

**Jeff Wilson**
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ext. 233**Beautiful Lake View - \$219,000**

Well maintained 3 bedroom home only minutes to the town of Haliburton. Interior is finished with pine and features a granite stone fireplace, 2 bathrooms and full basement. Very private lot and loads of potential

**Minutes to Haliburton - \$229,000**

Are you looking for 1.5 acres of property with ample living space? This is the property for you! This three bedroom 4 bathroom home is only minutes to Haliburton. Enjoy the wildlife from the back porch, as well as the beautifully landscaped gardens. Contact listing brokerage for more details.

**Ken* Barry**
Haliburton Office
457-1011
ext. 228**Green Lake - \$239,900**

Great level lot with a hard sand beach area & beautiful creek on one side. Paved driveway and single garage and storage building with a great view and access right off Hwy 118. The cottage/home has had many recent upgrades with new windows, pine cathedral ceilings and more

**13198 Hwy. 118 - \$279,900**

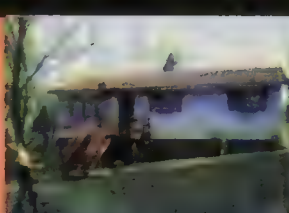
Totally renovated three bedroom home with double attached garage minutes to the Village of Haliburton. Fabulous open concept design allows for great entertaining in the huge modern kitchen, dining and living room area which has a walkout to the large covered deck. New windows, flooring, lighting and 5 pce. bathroom featuring double sinks. The walkout basement is ready to finish to your own tastes and includes roughed in plumbing for a 2nd bathroom. All this sits on a 8.5 acre lot with tons of room to play and explore

**Linda* Baumgartner & Troy Austen**
Haliburton Office
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ext. 231**Great Family Home - \$229,000**

Spacious 2 sty on bright sunny lot. 3 large br on the 2nd flr. Master Br with walk-in closet & ensuite Maple floors throughout living area. Ceramic tile entry. Main flr Indry W/o to huge deck. Fully finished bsmt. Central air & vac, drilled well, alarm system. Many great features & good value.

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Minden Office
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ext. 35**Horseshoe Lake Deeded Access - \$295,000**

This lovely 2 bedroom home with a walk out basement is on a park like 2 acre setting of land with a pond, hill top bench, garden, pony barn, dog kennel, gardens to enjoy along with deeded access to Horseshoe Lake within walking distance. Call Lynda Litwin to view this home.

**South Lake Home - \$399,900**

Custom kitchen, huge dining and entertainment area, sunken living room, walk out to lake, level lot, triple garage with workshop. Only 5 minutes to Minden. Call Lynda Litwin to view this home

**Lisa Mercer**
Minden Office
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ext. 46**Twelve Mile Lake - \$599,000**

New log home nestled in a small bay. Sand waterfront. Large verandas in the front and back of this well maintained cottage. Radiant floors in the partially finished basement.

**Irondale River - \$375,000**

Breathtaking views from both inside and outside of this bright 3 bedroom home. Many upgrades including new windows, drywall, flooring and kitchen in the past 5 years. Pine ceilings throughout. Authentic wood Finnish sauna.

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Madeline Doyle
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Vacant Lot - Sandford Court - \$59,900
Beautiful 2.69 acre parcel with 529' frontage on Sandford Court. This 2.69 acre parcel is relatively level with mature trees and forest feel. Private yet close to town. Seller is a registered Real Estate Sales Representative. Contact LB office for clauses.

Vacant Lot - Sandford Court - \$59,900
Private estate lot (5.5 Acres) located in newer subdivision in village of Haliburton with spectacular view of both Grass & Head Lake. Conveniently located close to Sir Sandford Fleming College and shopping area. Cleared site, drilled well, driveway and septic approved.

Marilyn Hawley
Haliburton Office
457-1011 ext. 237

Clear Lake - \$489,000
This 4 Bdrm, 1 1/2 Bath cottage or home is situated on a beautiful lot with expansive, level grounds at the lakefront. 250 ft of water frontage with south western exposure and shallow entry on beautiful Clear Lake offers a great place to entertain friends and family. Two sheds, workshop with drive through and a small bunkie complete the deal!

Kashagawigamog Lake - \$525,000
Nestled amongst the trees is this 3 bdrm, 2-storey cottage with screened porch, flagstone landscaping, a fire pit, beautiful perennial gardens and a 2-bdrm. Bunkie for guests. Inside is a warm and inviting open-concept main floor with ceramic tile and hardwood floors with bedrooms, family room and balcony upstairs. The clean, clear waterfront is the perfect mix of a great sand beach entrance and deep water off the end of the dock.

Marj & John Parish
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Lake Kashagawigamog - \$124,900 + GST
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Melanie Vigrass
Minden Office
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Minden Home - \$259,000
This lovely 3 bdrm./3 bath bungalow features a full walk-out basement to a private back yard, dbl. att'd garage, main floor laundry, sparkling hardwood floors, bay windows, a sunroom with propane fireplace, sauna off the cedar bathroom, c/vac, c/air, ensuite, over 1700 sq. ft. on the main level.....the list goes on! Call for more details.

Buckskin Lake - \$259,000
Move in and enjoy this furnished cottage this spring! Extensively renovated with new roof, siding, windows and insulation this 2 bdrm. + family room (optional 3rd bdrm.), sits on a large natural lot and features pine throughout and an airtight woodstove for cool spring evenings. Buckskin Lake is a spring fed lake backing onto 1000's of acres of crown land. Call now to start your cottage dreams tomorrow!

Peter* Brady
Haliburton Office
457-1011 ext. 234

Magnificent Stone Estate - \$1,500,000
This spectacular 6.4 acre Kashagawigamog waterfront is the finest example of country living today. Relax on the covered front porch, wander across the expansive lawns, beyond the barn, beside the boathouse to appreciate the breathtaking views and ultimate privacy that 584 feet of hard waterfront afford. So much to see. Call Peter Today!!

Kashagawigamog Lake - \$459,000
Live at the shores of the largest 5 lake chain in your very sunny 4 season 'totally done' home and enjoy all that Haliburton offers, boating to your favourite shops + restaurants. Call Peter today - just \$459,000!"

Ted Vasey
Haliburton Office
457-1011 ext. 223

Gull River - \$329,900
Charming waterfront home south of Minden - 1 1/2 story home with 1700 sq. ft. plus w/o finished basement - huge country kitchen with loads of oak cabinets and counter top space - w/o living room to deck - field stone fireplace - hardwood floors - 4 + 1 bedrooms 2 baths - fireplace in family room - many updates - tastefully landscaped lot - miles of boating to Gull Lake

32 Prince St. - \$122,900
Great starter home or rental investment - 1150 sq. ft. of living space - 3 bedrooms - main floor laundry - block basement unfinished - small storage barn

Terry Carr
Haliburton Office
457-1011 ext. 236

Little Glamor Lake - \$329,900
Little Gem on Little Glamor - Totally renovated cottage with custom maple cabinets, pine ceilings, poplar floor & wainscoting. 3 bedrooms and wraparound deck. Upgraded insulation and new roof. Very private, well treed lot with fabulous sand beach and great swimming.

Kennisis River / Halls Lake - \$599,000
Architecturally designed for maximum water view and natural light! Stunning, spacious executive home or cottage located at the mouth of Hall's Lake on Kennisis River. Creative location gives you a big lake view, while being protected from motor traffic on the river. Amenities don't stop with geo-thermal heating, 2 fireplaces, cathedral ceilings, over-sized bedrooms, sun room, large living room, family room, large unfinished basement, 2-car garage, perennial gardens, 11'x11' greenhouse and more!

Tom & Gail Tempest**
Minden Office
286-2911 ext. 41

1224 Denna Lake Road - \$329,000
Charming and very private, this unique home on 28 acres is just 10 minutes from Minden. Newer septic, new above ground pool built into deck adjacent to the house. Fully insulated 14' X 14' bunkie. Several sheds, manicured grounds and gardens, a small pond and numerous groomed trails throughout the property. Main floor laundry and a Napoleon woodstove in the living room. In the kitchen you can see some of the log walls from the original building. The kitchen has hardwood floors, a vaulted ceiling and the gorgeous Elmira Cookstove is included

Cobble Rose Lane - \$329,000
Cute and charming is the only way to describe this cottage/home located on Moore Lake. South facing frontage is sandy/rocky with deep water off the dock. 17' X 16' bunkie right at the shoreline. Large sunroom has hot-tub which can be used year round. Hear the water rush over Moore Falls and enjoy complete privacy. This property is very clean and well maintained. Don't miss this opportunity for a year round property which is positioned well for the GTA buyer

Vince* Duchene**
Haliburton Office
457-1011 ext. 225

Kashagawigamog Lake - \$429,000
Outstanding opportunity to own on "the" 5 lake chain in Haliburton. Two fully finished levels, 4 bedrooms, 2 kitchens, 2 baths, 2 laundry rooms and all upgraded. Also includes a lakeside (dry) boathouse with deck on top AND a huge lakeside dock to lounge at water's edge. This is a must see....call today for an appointment to view..

Stormy Lake - \$409,694
Cottage or waterfront home situated 10 min from Haliburton Village on gently sloping lot with 120' on the lake. 3 bdrms, 2 baths, a fantastic bright sunken living rm w/ loads of windows overlooking the lake & cathedral ceiling. Bright open concept kitchen, dining room w/ wood floors, finished rec room with walkout, laundry and a workout room or office area. New carpets and newly painted adds a modern upgraded touch! Two car detached garage. Shallow entry waterfront. Call today for an appointment to view

Rick* Forget, Iona Fevreau & Mary Harnden
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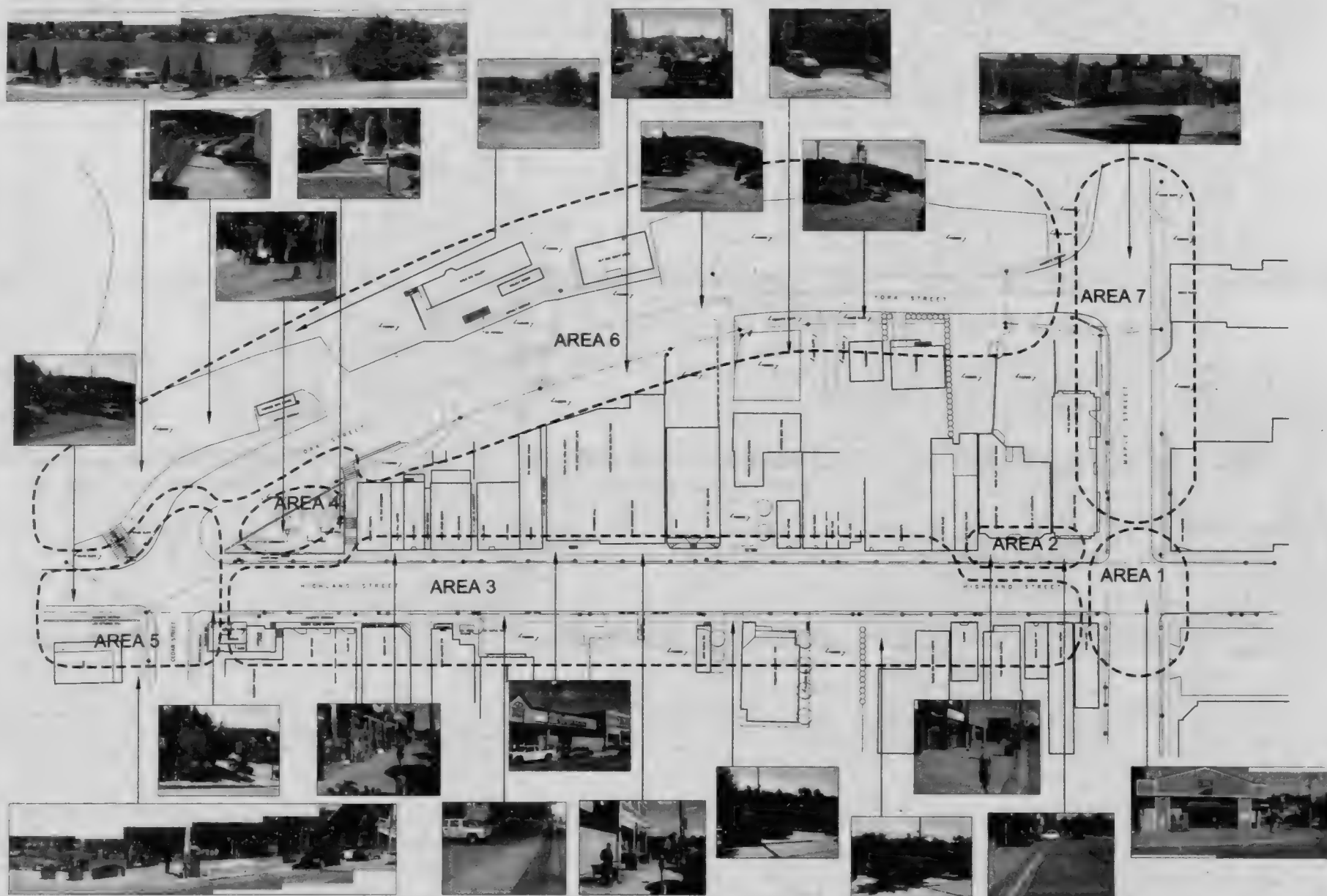
Grace River - \$189,900
Great summer or winter get-a-way! This 2 bedroom, year round home/cottage on Grace River, a short wide river with access to both Grace and Dark Lakes, offers an excellent, well treed, level lot, with only a small slope at the waterfront; suitable for all ages. Other features include an oil furnace, stone fireplace with insert, sun room, gazebo and double car garage all at a great value. Call today to find out more!

Benoir Lake - \$329,000
Year round home/cottage with lots of cedar, cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors, attached garage and full, finished basement, all situated on a level lot with 128' frontage on Benoir Lake and access to 34 miles of boating on a 3 lake chain.

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\$1.1 Million Grant for Haliburton Streetscape

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Almost three years ago Dysart et al Council commissioned Brian Basterfield Associates, a Peterborough Landscape Architects' firm, to create a new streetscape plan for Haliburton's York and Highland Streets. "I wanted to flesh out the opportunities that existed, rather than to make whole scale changes," said Basterfield at a public unveiling last September of his vision for the village's future. "In other words, we don't want change, necessarily, but rather improvements."

A committee consisting of Reeve Murray Fearrey, Councilors Andrea Roberts and Derek Holmes, Roads Superintendent Brian Nicholson and Dysart CAO Tammy McElvey worked with Basterfield and his firm, and were uniformly pleased with the result. "I think this plan will make a huge difference to the village," said Andrea Roberts.

Basterfield's plan sees at least two major changes: first, the cenotaph area, now almost enclosed and lost behind a stone fence, would be opened out to become a more integral part of Highland Street, and levelled off to provide a commanding vista over Head Lake. Second, York Street would be radically altered to include more green space, a different parking configuration (and to reconfigure the current insane right-angled spaces in front of the Rail's End Gallery and the 4C's building). Following on the success of the Rails End's new gardens and entrances created this past summer, Basterfield envisions a "much more people friendly" space, with proper sidewalks, lots of trees, and generally much more useable and attractive public space. The addition of the new Library really demands that the whole street be re-examined and re-defined, and we've tried to do that keeping in mind that it's always going to be major car and truck route through the village."

As well Basterfield submitted some micro-designs as well for hanging baskets, litter containers, and street lamps, and Reeve Fearrey hopes that this portion of the plan can be realized soon. On Highland Street Basterfield saw many areas that are suitable for small seating areas, trees, and shrubs. "I realized that in the summer traffic is going to be slow: and merchants know that their signage should reflect the fact that the traffic is not going 50 kilometers an hour, but more like 10. So in effect people can window shop from their cars as they go through." ■



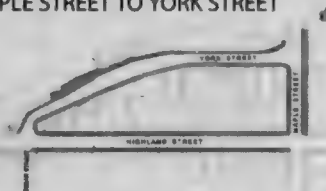
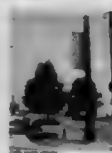
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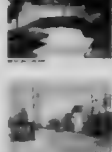
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- REVIEW EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS AND RECENT BACKGROUND STUDIES.
- ANALYSE AND DOCUMENT EXISTING CONDITIONS AS THEY RELATE TO THE FUNCTION AND AESTHETICS OF THE DOWNTOWN.
- LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE SAFETY, COMFORT AND EASE OF MOVEMENT FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS IN SUPPORT OF RECENT ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION RECOMMENDATIONS.
- REVIEW EXISTING PARKING AND TRAFFIC PATTERNS AND LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE SAFETY, PARKING FUNCTION, AND TRAFFIC FLOW.
- RECOMMEND STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS THAT WILL:
 1. ENHANCE THE PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF MUNICIPAL LAND.
 2. DEVELOP A SENSE OF PLACE AND COMMUNITY PRIDE.
 3. RAISE THE YORK STREET STANDARDS FOR AESTHETICS AND FUNCTION TO COINCIDE WITH TOURISM AND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS, AND TYPICAL DOWNTOWN STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS.
 4. PREPARE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STREET FURNISHINGS AND DECORATIVE LIGHTING.
 5. CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPANDED PEDESTRIAN SPACES TO BE SHARED BY VISITORS, RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS.
- DEVELOP PLANS TO A LEVEL THAT THEY CAN BE USED AS A LONG TERM MASTERPLAN FOR PHASED AND COORDINATED IMPROVEMENTS AND COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES.



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Determined and Passionate: Volunteer Nancy Brink Refuses to Give up

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter

Even a 12 foot fall from her deck to the ground below last fall (and breaking her back in the process) can't keep Nancy Brink from her appointed tasks.

For the sixth year running she will be raising money for Haliburton's Hike for Hospice hosted by SIRCH Community Services. In the past Nancy has won the trophy for most raised funds for four years, three consecutively. Overall, for this program alone, she has raised \$8,500.

The hike, which keeps 100 percent of funds raised within Haliburton County, supports training hospice volunteers who help people with serious illnesses and their loved ones. They provide companionship, a break for caregivers and simply a sympathetic ear.

Over a one year period beginning in 2008, SIRCH supported over 100 clients through hospice services, a living with cancer support group and a caregiver's support group. Clients range in age from 19 to 93.

Nancy Brink owned and operated the popular Nancy's Flowers in Haliburton for some 30 years. She began helping out with SIRCH's hospice program after reading an advertisement in the newspaper for volunteers. She has since helped six people through debilitating illnesses and says, "There is such a great need for it, there are many elderly people in the community. I feel there is a real need to reach out to people. It's a little scary at first as you don't know if you are going to be compatible or not, but it always seems to work out."

Nancy's charity work spans a lifetime and with so many years of giving it's hard to keep up with her accomplishments.

Her care giving days began as a young child in Holland, her native country. Every Sunday her family would invite people from their community into their house for supper, dinners would normally average 25 people at a time. Nancy had seen from an early age the effects of helping those in need and those new to the community, "It was rolled into you when you were growing up. Sometimes we went through 25 loaves of bread in a weekend."

The family moved to Nova Scotia in 1949 where they set up a Dutch Church for other Dutch immigrants new to the community. They would host Church suppers, where members of the congregation would again gather at Nancy's family home.

Before Nancy had her accident she carried on her parents' tradition in Haliburton for three



decades, inviting those from her Church for lunch. "It's a real outreach, hospice is really a different extension of that. To reach out and touch people." For 12 years, once a month she also ran the Church Sunday supper club.

This year she's adamant she'll manage to at least complete a portion of the 1km Haliburton High School track to honour the pledges she'll be collecting, or perhaps even some of the 5 k hike. Not an easy feat, certainly, for someone who has been in constant pain since last year. In a few weeks she'll be hitting the streets to ask for pledges to donate to the cause.

In fact Nancy Brink hasn't really slowed down since moving to Haliburton to open her flower shop. She is head of palliative care for the West Guilford Baptist Church, visiting the sick or talking with them over the phone.

As well, over the last 10 years she has raised \$22,000 selling Daffodils as an annual fundraiser for the Canadian Cancer Society.

Sandre Daoust, chair for the Haliburton Hike for Hospice said, "We're blessed to have the support of Nancy, she makes such a difference. She has touched a lot of people's lives in Haliburton County."

So why should people go out and hike on May 1st? Nancy has shown that even though you might not be 100 percent fit with a caring attitude you can still do a lot if you are determined and willing. Nancy will be out there on the track on May 1st showing everyone a passionate spirit and determination can accomplish. ■

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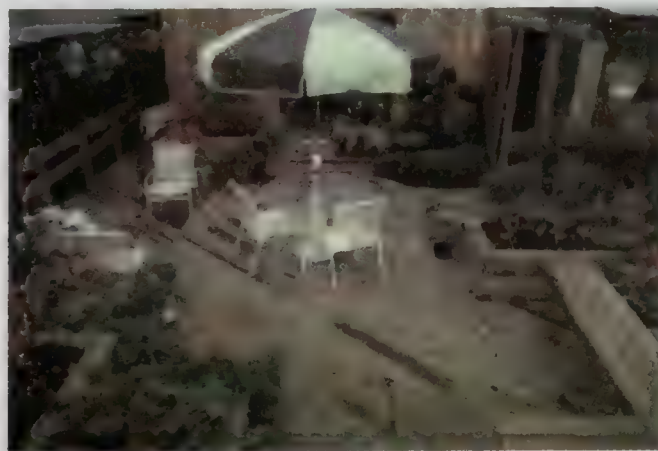
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The DeBruin-McCready family; Dustyn, Logan, Hank who holds Jessica, Michaela and Tanya, pictured with some of the race team dogs who travelled to Alaska in March to partake in the Iditarod.

“Life is based on adventures, in my eyes you are not fulfilling life if you're not having adventures.” (Hank DeBruin)

The shaggy beard is gone, along with the -50C temperatures and sleepless nights. Hank DeBruin is now safely back under the sunny skies of Haliburton.

A month ago this Tuesday DeBruin set out on the trip of a lifetime, a journey he had been dreaming about for the past 10 years. The trip: to race in the Iditarod, heralded as the Last Great Race on Earth, over 1150 miles of pure wilderness and harsh terrain from Anchorage in Alaska to the western point of Nome. To battle with it all on the back of a dog sled.

The Iditarod was devised by Joe Redington, who wanted to commemorate the historic freight trail that had been used for hundreds of years, to reconnect the villages along the trail and importantly to revitalise dog sledding which had been overshadowed by the birth of the snowmobile.

The first race was held in 1973 and has run ever year since. While the roots of the Iditarod started as simply a way to rejuvenate the world of dog sledding, in past years the Iditarod has been ravaged by politics.

DeBruin was one musher in particular who was ultimately swept up in the bureaucracies of the race. One phone call from the Race Marshall, Mark Nordman on March 16th and DeBruin had

pulled out of the race. The news came as a mystery to Tanya, his wife, and his fans when earlier reports drifted in from Tanya's brother telling them Hank had been in great spirits and would see him in Nome.

The phone call from Nordman asked Hank why his team had run so slowly into Nulato, and why he had been the slowest team in 15 years to do one particular stretch. Hank tried explaining about the cold, the wind, and that now they had the wind behind them they would make much better time. He also said he would be caught up with the back two teams by the checkpoint after that. Hank was still well within the mandatory cut off times (by almost a full day). Nothing Hank said elicited any encouraging response of any kind from race officials.

Now back from Alaska Hank has had time to think. Tanya says, “They didn't give Hank a flat out ultimatum to quit but it was the psychology behind the call that was said to Hank. When he was nine days into the trip and with very little sleep, in his mind it left him with no option to either quit or be pulled out.”

One of the biggest problems Hank had to deal with was the cold weather coupled with the lack of sleep. When Hank was there he endured record breaking temperatures for the duration. He says, “A lot of people experience -30C or -40C, but then you can go inside and get warmed up. When you are out on the trail you can't do that, you have just got to deal with it.

“Sleep is an hour here and there, if there's a bunker in a tent at a checkpoint you can sleep there or you just camp with your dogs outside. One night I had wet feet and camped the night out on the trail. An hour later I woke up with no feeling in my feet they were so cold. I couldn't unzip the sleeping bag because my hands were so cold. After an hour I finally got out and spent the next three hours running up and down to get warm.

“My fingers are starting to peel now from the frostbite on my fingers and in a couple of weeks my toenails will fall off because of the frostbite.”

So how does DeBruin feel now about the Iditarod? After a lengthy pause he states “There are a lot of mixed feelings. We put so much time, planning and work into it. It's very disappointing that you weren't able to complete what you know your team could have easily completed.

“I think my biggest problem is that they changed the rules during the race. It's a mind game, the whole race is a mind game, with is particularly unfortunate if you're a rookie. If I raced again and that happened again I would just say to hell with you and keep going.”

Tanya spoke to Nordman after Hank had scratched and he simply told her, “That he didn't call to make Hank scratch. He flat out said it wasn't cold out there but then what's cold? It was -50C. He started telling me what he had told Hank- ‘That it was only going to get worse from then on’. If he was saying that to Hank, no wonder he felt he had no choice.”

And just what is the definition of a competition? Hank notes, “Only one person can win. In a marathon race, once the person wins are they meant to just shut the race down and that's it and pull the other people out? That's how this race is being handled right now. Once the top 15 are through they just want it to end. We were right on target to meet our goal, this year it was the fastest back of the pack team they had.”

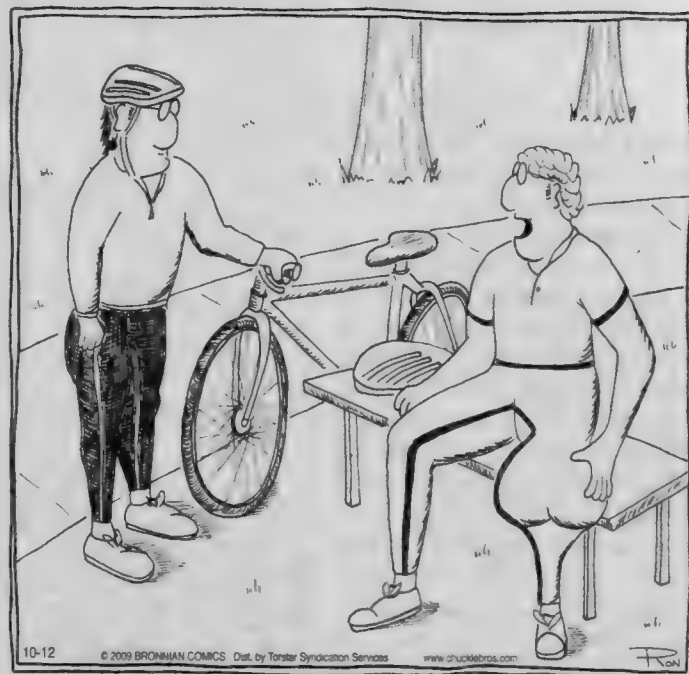
Tanya added, “The people who have been there from the beginning told us the board who runs it, from some extent have forgotten the origins of why it all started. If they have they should at least let everyone know that. That it's just a race for the top 30 teams and it's not a race for anyone who qualifies.”

Hank is still waiting to hear from Nordman after he wanted to talk to him in depth about what exactly happened but he's avoided Hank ever since. Hank says, “It's not over by a long shot.”

Although the race ended the way it did, the couple still see the positives from the race and the extraordinary time the family and Hank experienced.

“No matter what, it was an amazing experience and we met some great people and made great new friends. I've already got invites to several races next year so it's not all bad.”

Hank told the Voice about his experiences on the trail. One particular stretch was the Yukon



“That's O.K., Mike, you go on ahead. My bum knee is acting up again.”

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Staff Reporter



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River, which according to Hank was, "Absolutely amazing. You can look at it as if it's heaven or if it's hell. You don't realise how small you are until you start running that stretch of trail. Then you're nothing in life, in this world! It's a vast no-mans land, there's nothing there. You get the slightest breeze when you're out there and it's like razors opening your skin. It's just extreme. People think they know what cold is, but that's hell cold."

Hank has experienced sights that few are lucky enough to experience in a lifetime, and adds, "You go to places where you feel no-one has ever gone before. It's just incredible. You venture through a mountain pass and get through the valley and look back at what you just came through and its mind blowing."

"One particular section of the trail, the Dalzell Gorge, you're running on a trail and you look two feet over and its 500 feet down. You're running over the edge of glaciers, your dogs are trying to pull you over glaciers sometimes and your sled is sliding sideways down into it. The last 10 miles of the gorge you're going across ice bridges. You'll have six feet of ice to cross and then 10 feet of open water. You're crossing these ice bridges and if you miss it then that's it."

So how was it for Tanya? "It was pretty stressful, the GPS tracker gave you too much information. You'd see where he was and your mind would start to wander. He sat in one place for a while so you start to worry again. Once I flew into one checkpoint to meet him I knew how good he was though. Although there are parts we were disillusioned with the one part of Iditarod that will never change is the amazing villagers and the volunteers which are still there."

The Iditarod was a family affair for the couple's children, Tanya says "They had an awesome trip and saw some incredible sights. The actual ending of the trip was hard. When we told the older two, they were very upset. Dustyn asked, 'How can they do that to my Dad?' They've known about the Iditarod since they've been born."

Hank adds, "It's not all bad, Logan has been given a

personal sponsor to race the junior Iditarod, a 300 mile race. It's definitely been an emotional ride, highs and lows."

And for the future? "Some day we'll run it again. Once the rules and regulations are black and white so everyone knows where to stand on a run and with more commitment to every team" says Hank.

"We're looking at the Yukon Quest which is a 1100 mile run, from Whitehorse to Fairbanks. It's in February so it's more extreme weather. It's a longer and tougher race but it's not as politically heavy as the Iditarod is."

"In my mind the Iditarod will always be the holy grail of dog sled races. The lure is still there."

The couple intend to write a formal letter to the Iditarod Trail Committee. They want answers and that they will make the rules black and white. Hank says, "I will not stop until I get that."

The couple are also thankful for the community's support. The musher adds "It makes me proud to live here with the unbelievably support that we've had. The facebook community as well has been extremely kind."

For the mean time the dog race team seem to be happy at home, their coats shedding for spring. And while DeBruin takes a much needed rest we all know, deep down, DeBruin won't ever stop pursuing his dream to complete The Last Great Race on Earth. ■



Rail Trail Friends Rambles Begin

Stephen Patrick
Editor



On a beautiful Easter Sunday the Friends of the Rail Trail hosted their first of nine Rambles to take place in the next two months.

Over 30 people turned up for the first Ramble, a gentle stroll from the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton out to Barnum Lake, passing through spruce-bogs with flora such as cotton grass, leather leaf, and round leaf sundew. This exceptionally warm spring meant that the bush was alive with all manner of birds busily getting ready for family time, and searching for the first tentative batch of bugs.

Chair of the Friends of the Rail Trail Pamela Marsales was delighted with the first Ramble turnout, saying "we had a great four to five K hike in perfect weather. These Rambles give all of us a chance to appreciate just how beautiful and diverse our Rail Trails are, and how important they are to our community."

Next Sunday at 11:00 am the Friends will meet at the Sedgwick Pioneer Farm, which is located on the Francis Road, off County Road One (the Gelert Road). Following a tour of the farm, the group will drive to the Wintergreen Pancake Barn for lunch. On Sunday April 18th, the Howland Junction Road will be the meeting place (just north of Kinmount) for a stroll over the high trestle bridge with views of the County's other former railway, the I, B, and O (Irondale, Bancroft, and Ottawa.) Lunch will at the Dominion Hotel in Minden.

On April 25th the Ramble starts at the Tory Hill crossroads and will proceed up the I, B, and O past McCue Lake, and through forests and marshlands. Ramblers are encouraged to bring their own lunch to this event, which will take place at the (k)nave, located in the old Tory Hill church.

Rambles are all free of charge, except for the lunch portions. Five more Rambles are planned for Sundays in May: brochures are available at our public libraries, the Tourism Info Centre in Minden, and at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton, among other locales. □

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"My beach looks like the Bay of Fundy at low tide." (Gull Lake Cottager)

"The beach on Gull Lake is an excellent barometer of the water levels in Haliburton and at the moment it looks like the Bay of Fundy at low tide." That's according to one long standing Gull Lake cottager who isn't alone in having mounting concerns about water levels throughout the reservoir lakes. Across the county people are extremely concerned about what they consider to be record low levels and recently some climatologists have become harbingers of bad news.

"We encourage people to educate themselves." (CEWF Co-chair Martin Rist)

Further to the Voice's editorial on the impacts of an early spring in last week's issue, the Voice contacted Martin Rist and Dr. Chris Riddle, who co-chair the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow.

The CEWF's website recently posted an article called 'Where's the water...?' In the article, the CEWF refer to inquiries from various members who have been observing their lake levels carefully and noted that water levels throughout the Trent-Severn Waterway reservoir lakes are at the lower end of

historical ranges. Given this observation, the CEWF asked Dave Ness, a Water Control Engineer from TSW for his assessment of the situation and what his plans were to address it.

On March 22nd, Ness advised that TSW staff had been undertaking dam operations with the intent to capture the melt water being generated by the local watershed. Their focus appeared to be on the reservoir lakes that had no other lakes flowing into them, as they are typically more difficult to fill because the TSW doesn't have the ability to divert water to them. They said they would also focus on large volume lakes given their requirement for more water to fill them.

"Typically, lakes like Horseshoe Lake do not have a hard time filling because 80 percent of the Gull River watershed is upstream of Minden. On Friday (the 19th) the dams at Horseshoe and Twelve Mile were completely closed off, likely frustrating the residents of Minden with dry riverbed conditions."

At the time Ness advised that there were only a few dams spilling water within the reservoir system; Gull Lake, Moore Lake, Canning Lake and Eels Lake which were scheduled to be addressed either that day or the next.

Acknowledging that both short term and long term forecasting remains an imperfect science, Ness reminded everyone that there are still two months of spring remaining for the lakes to fill and that it only takes one event to exceed monthly precipitation averages.

Their bottom line? The TSW is not overly concerned about filling at this point, but said they were taking the necessary precautions to get the lakes filled.

During an interview early this week, Riddle said, "A lot has changed over the last week since the logs went in." Riddle noted that several lakes that are hard to access (Red Pine for one) are still dropping which was an indication that no one from TSW had been in to put in the logs.

In an interview with Canwest News Service early in March, David Phillips a senior level climatologist with Environment Canada spoke of this past winter as the driest winter of a 63 year record, saying 'it's beyond shocking.' Phillips noted that in his 40 years of weather watching he hadn't seen anything like it and warned that 'the winter that wasn't might have set the stage for potentially horrific water shortages, insect infestations and wildfires this summer.'

Phillips also suggested that this past winter could be a dress rehearsal of what could become normal in years to come.

Riddle himself was not all doom and gloom but he was cautious. He said, "Many of the lakes between extreme high and low are on a trajectory that looks positive. The TSW has certainly moved to put the logs in and bring levels up, but here we are at the beginning of April with almost no snow left in the bush which is highly unusual. We can't count on the snow melting and the runoff filling the lakes, so once again, we're falling back and we'll really be relying on rain rather than snow melt to reach full levels by the end of May."

Riddle also said that it doesn't take more than one or two big rain events to make a huge difference, but also referred to forecasts of a dry spring which makes it a bit harder for the trajectory of the lakes filling up to continue on historic lines. "When I look at Kinnis Lake, I can see that within the next month the lake needs to come up by about a metre, where in the past it only has to come

up about three quarters of that amount at best.

Rist commented that spring events have been unusual this year and that long term forecasts from meteorologists indicate an extended dry season throughout the summer. "This raises a real concern about how we get through the summer, unlike last year when there was

plenty of water to go around."

According to Rist that will be a forward going concern for Parks Canada to focus on as well as concentrating on more water conservation.

As a further caution, Riddle said, "Not only is the spring forecast to be a slightly dryer season than usual, it is also expected to be slightly warmer than usual."

Riddle referred to the 'water budget' paper that is posted on their website which talks about the amount of rain that actually gets into the lakes and rivers. "Huge amounts evaporate by the time water gets to the Kawarthas. These are compounding affects that will make it even harder for the TSW to maintain levels in the summer unless we have unexpected rain events."

Riddle said, "It's not so much that we think there is a problem in particular with what TSW personnel are doing this year compared to others. We think there has been a problem all along with the model they are using. The panel report and other documents all encourage them to adopt a new model that includes conservation and recognizes that there are more priorities than just maintaining navigation on the canal section of the TSW."

Both Riddle and Rist said they were encouraged that the TSW had let a contract to develop a new model. Rist said that an abstract from that has been posted on their website. He also noted that a brief historical summary of the TSW is also posted on the site that moves into current issues and recommendations that conclude that TSW should be shifting some of their focus to conservation.

According to Rist, when looking at recent history and the language of the RSP for the new study, TSW is clearly paying attention to the reservoir lakes as well as conservation. "For them that is new. There appear to be changes in the right direction, so it's onwards and upwards."

"In anticipating an ever increasing demand they need to be more vigilant in conserving water levels, going through the current model and updating it to reflect the multiple requirements of the different stakeholder groups."

When asked what the timing of the contract was, Riddle confirmed that the project was being funded by federal stimulus money which suggests that the contract should be complete and a new model developed by March 31st, 2011.

Riddle said, "Part of our hope and expectation is that while the mandate of the TSW hasn't changed specifically as yet, they are clearly aware of a number of recommendations all pointing in the same direction in terms of what needs to be done."

According to Riddle and Rist, the TSW will be appointing a new Field Unit Superintendent effective April 15th. The new appointee, Dawn Bronson, originally from the Port Perry area, has had a 25 year career with Parks Canada, most recently with the Manitoba Field Unit, and it is Riddle and Rist's hope that both she and the TSW will reflect recommendations made to them in the way that they approach management.

Getting back to the concerns being raised throughout the reservoir lakes, Riddle again said, "A lot can change in a week."

He urged readers to check the CEWF website (www.cewf.ca) saying that they do their best to post timely notices and they have a direct link to TSW which provides updated water levels.

Rist said, "We encourage people to educate themselves about the system and try to monitor their lake levels through that link as it helps considerably. Memories can be short and some people are newly arrived so we also encourage people to check the site for background articles and news updates that will help build awareness and support to try and change the system."

Finally, Rist said that experts are anticipating greater and wider swings in climate change in the future with a broad trend towards warming. "And that is what we're seeing, so we can't take anything for granted. Things are changing. Hopefully, through attention and support we can prepare for it and the consequences won't be quite so dramatic."

Meanwhile, when residents feel like indulging in a brief moment of cutting loose, it probably wouldn't hurt to do a little rain dance along the shorelines of your lake or one nearby. ■

"A lot has changed in the last week." (CEWF Co-chair Chris Riddle)



At this time of year, these fixed docks/stairs along the Gull River in Minden are often 18-24 inches underwater.

Student Drama Class Says No to Bullying

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter

Bullying can rear its ugly head in a number of different forms, verbal and physical, and the taunts can ultimately ravage someone's self-esteem so badly that in some cases bullying has led to suicide. Most people will bear witness or be a victim of bullying before they leave school although bullying continue to exist, even in such areas as the workplace.

Before the scars become real many schools Canada wide introduce measures to stop bullying before it begins and one of our local schools put it into action late last week.

Grade 12 Haliburton High School Drama Students last Thursday conducted an Impact Anti-bullying Assembly. The purpose was to increase awareness and highlight the dangers of bullying which may seem to some as simple, throwaway comments. There were three assemblies that ran throughout the day for grades nine, ten and eleven.

It was the first anti-bullying assembly of its kind that had been wholly created by the students.

Elke Zilla, drama teacher at Haliburton High begun the assembly stating to the audience, "As a teacher I've been entrusted by your families to help develop your characters. We want to build a safe, healthy and encouraging atmosphere for students. We have a great school but there are moments of concern. We are taking a clear and moral stand against harassment with absolutely no tolerance for bullying. Bullying is defined as exposing another person to either verbal or physical harm, or threatening to harm another person with the purpose of controlling the other person's thoughts or actions."

Each year the Senior Drama Classes present an aspect of Character Education Zilla calls "Class Acts." There are plays, assemblies, revues that address youth concerns through dramatic conventions in order to raise awareness, inform, educate and entertain.

Rather than the students giving a dull and preaching like approach to the subject matter they instead injected their creative side into the piece. Drama filled monologues, short plays, songs and video presentations all added a different slant to the assembly.

Zilla added, "We want to convey how bullying makes someone feel. The students have already changed from creating the work."

The assembly took a mature and sophisticated approach to a harsh subject. They began with an upbeat rap discussing a forgotten birthday and a wrong size wetsuit which bounced the idea of bullying about. The humorous beginning ensured the audience didn't sink deeper into their sinks. In fact it was rather the opposite as the crowd was enthralled as one young man was dressed head to toe in an orange wetsuit and Raybans.

The more serious side came next with statistics detailing the harsh and foreboding realities of bullying. Cyber-bullying was discussed with a segment shown from the Oprah Winfrey talk show. In 2003 a young man named Ryan Halligan committed suicide after countless years of cyber bullying by his peers. Forty three per cent of youths today are affected by cyber bullying.

The Haliburton High School students created their own video of a boy being bullied who eventually killed himself after the taunts became too much.

The students noted in the assembly, "it's the fear that robs people of their quality of life, you are courageous if you do not fall into the fear. Don't tolerate it and be treated the way you want to be treated." In a later student film, devised and acted by the Hal High Students with help from two ex-drama students, Adam Cox and Luke Stevens who are now studying Media Arts at Sheridan College, they advised victims of bullying to not suffer in silence and seek help. They also looked at the role of the bystander.

The lyrics in the multiple songs showed a talent beyond their years with a well thought out approach that spoke to the young audience in more ways than one.

Some of the students bravely spoke of the bullying they had endured in recent years. It brought a bleak realization to the audience that although some of the situations were based upon research or held behind a cameras lens, some stories had really happened to the seniors which the group didn't want to ignore.

Afterwards Zilla commented that, "This year there are stronger bullying policies and legislation in place within Trillium Lakelands District School Board. I feel it is paramount that we continue this collaborative campaign to protect our students from harassment as well as establish consistent rules and measures in dealing with bullying incidents. All



of us; the community, parents and the school need to be on board."

The Superintendent of Safe Schools, Kevin Cutler, attended the second assembly. He said he felt "overwhelmed by the outstanding effort, performances and courage of the students and strongly recommended that the High School students invite grade sevens and eights from Archie Stouffer to perform another assembly for them."

The anti-bullying assembly through the different forms of media represented a fresh approach to the topic which didn't shy away from the stark realities of what bullying does to its victims and families. ■

Pictured top from left to right; Grade 12 Drama students; Caleb Zilla and Cameron Cox. Middle row from left to right; Graeme Lloyd and Matt Gallagher. Bottom row from left to right; Kelsey Crowe, Katrina Chvedukas, Nicholas Botticella and Brandon Nimigon.

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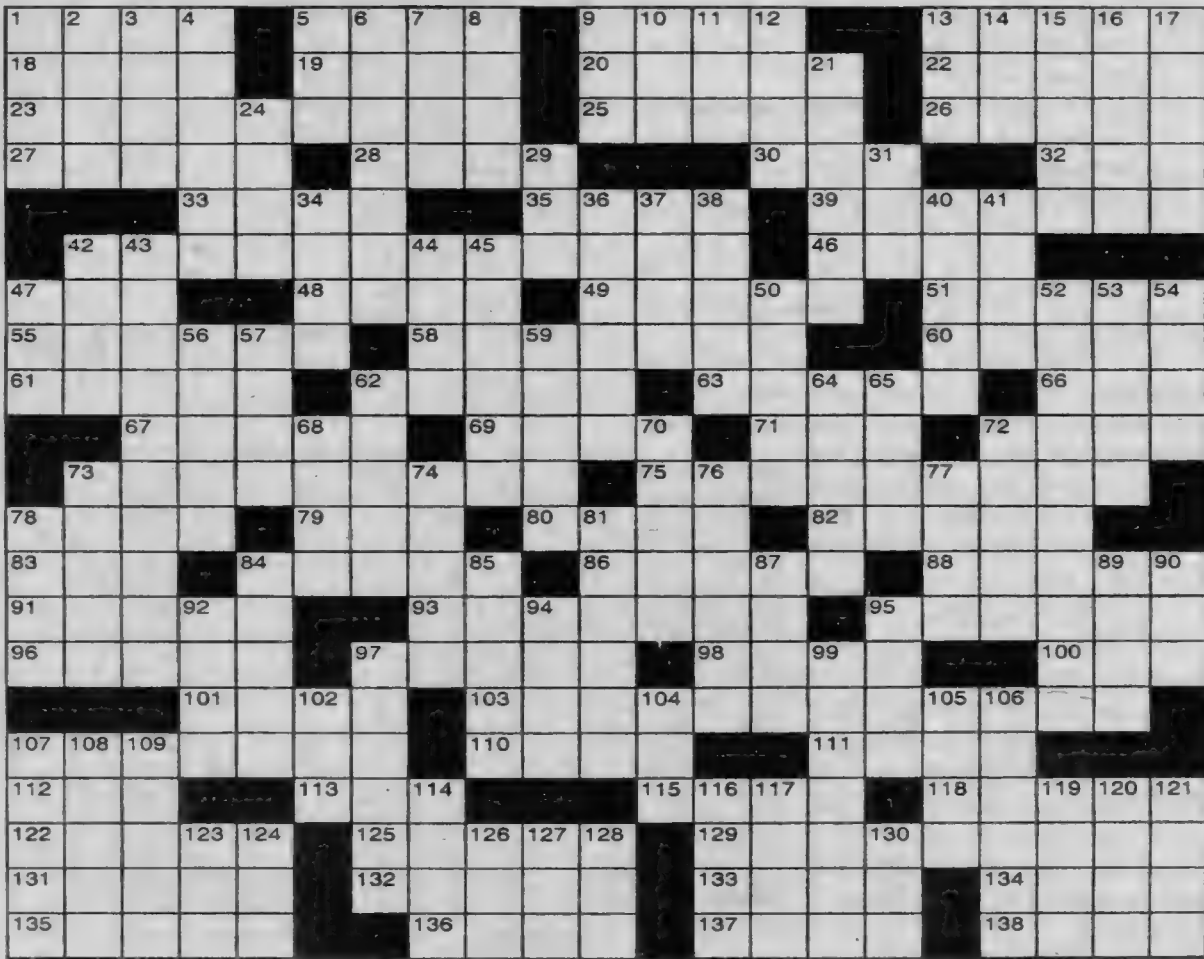
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86 Fernando or Lorenzo
88 Guitarist Eddy
91 "Hi, Ho!"
93 Guest
95 — license
96 "Olympia" artist
97 Actress Adoree

DOWN
98 Oenophile's mecca
100 Lennon's lady
101 Biblical book
103 California city
107 New Jersey city
110 Or — (threat words)
111 Defeat by a knockout
112 Castilian cry
113 Catchall abbr.
115 Landed
118 Cunning
122 Man of rare gifts?
125 "Roots" writer
129 Wisconsin city
131 Photo finish
132 Dolphins' home
133 Fairy tale fiend
134 Marsh bird
135 Selling point
136 High time?
137 Playwright Coward
138 Org. founded in 1844

DOWN
1 Pinza or Chaliapin
2 Jai —
3 — gras
4 Parsley kin
5 Nile slitherer
6 Braided bread
7 Libertine
8 — Stanley Gardner
9 Mr. Hammar-skjold
10 Hotel
11 Self-esteem
12 Work for a while
13 Indeed
14 Calligraphy supply
15 Statesman Root
16 Procrastinator's word
17 Frank book
21 Head
24 Like Magic
29 CSA soldier
31 Damage
34 Sony competitor
36 Western Italian
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40 It falls but never breaks
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59 Between three
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70 Black piano key
72 Trickster
73 La —, CA
74 Popeye's favorite shade?
76 Helen Hunt Jackson novel
77 Hound's handle
78 Side
81 They're out of this world
84 Ryan's daughter
85 Salon solution
87 — League
89 Singer Simone
90 Word form for "environ-ment"
92 Present
94 Harp —
95 Head line?
97 Beat
99 Where kids eat
102 Menlo Park monogram
104 It's in the bag
105 Pipe part
106 A place with buzz?
107 It may give you pause
108 Nom de crime?
109 Gnats and brats
114 First base man?
116 Spinks or Trotsky
117 Desdemona's enemy
119 Novelist O'Flaherty
120 Carmen or Clapton
121 Actress Ward
123 When Seurat sweltered
124 Postal abbr.
126 — tzu
127 Philips of "UHF"
128 Chinese principle
130 "Fantasia" frame



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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

HUSBAND'S MANY CONQUESTS LEAVE WIFE FEELING DEFEAT

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 58-year-old woman who has been married 40 years. I married at 18, put my husband through school and raised three children. We have now been separated five years, after I found out that my husband had had numerous affairs. The last one lasted three years and I had no idea. During his last affair, he had the woman in our home and told her personal things about me. He lied and told her we were getting a divorce. We have not divorced. Financially it would be hard. I can't seem to get over the pain and hurt. He still calls to see if I am OK. I continually visualize him with the other women. Thirty-five years is a long time, and he's the only man I have ever known. I want to get over him, but it's hard. I now work full-time. My husband constantly sought women who admired his power and status in the community. I don't think I can ever get over his hurting me so. I tried counseling. It didn't work. He continues to call, which keeps me hanging. Should I break all ties? Is that what's holding me back? — SAD IN OHIO

DEAR SAD: Let me talk to you like a friend and offer a suggestion: Talk to an attorney. After 40 years of marriage to a man with "power and status," one wealthy enough to afford serial "cookies" on the side, he must have accumulated enough assets that you shouldn't have to hold down a full-time job. If you availed yourself of some of the assets to which you may be entitled, you might have enough to get more counseling and do some traveling, which might help to lessen your unhappiness. THEN you can decide whether or not to break all ties.

DEAR ABBY: With graduation announcements pouring in every day from everyone whom I have ever known who has a child graduating, I think I have seen a new low. I actually received a photocopy of a high school graduation announcement. There was no picture, no personal note, just a photocopy folded into a cheap envelope. The "real" ones had been sent to more "important" people. My question is, should I send the kid a photocopy of a congratulations card and a photocopy of some money? What's the best way to handle this? — FLABBERGASTED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR FLABBERGASTED: If you have not seen the graduate since grammar school and aren't particularly close to the family, just toss it!

DEAR ABBY: I saw the letter you printed recently about "pennies from heaven" and thought I would share my story about a coin of a different kind. My son died at the age of 16 following an auto accident. Among the feelings I was having was guilt that he didn't get to go to Italy with his Latin class the spring before his death because I couldn't afford it. Now, he would never get to go. One day after returning to work, I was getting into my car and noticed a coin on the seat. I picked it up and was shocked to see it was an Italian lira! I took that as a sign that he DID get to see Italy, and I keep it in the frame with his picture. — CHRISTOPHER'S MOM IN EVANSVILLE, IND.

DEAR MOM: Please accept my sympathy for the tragic loss of your son. The coin was sent to comfort you, and I'm glad it served its purpose of tempering your feelings of guilt and loss.

Horoscopes

It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: Aries and Taurus give you the gift of leadership and the blessings of care and concern for all creatures.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't be put off by a seemingly too-tangled situation. Sometimes a simple procedure will unsnarl all the knots and get you in the clear fast and easy, just the way the Lamb likes it.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time to go through your work space — wherever it is — and see what needs to be replaced and what can be tossed (or at least given away) without a second thought.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Someone who disagrees with your position might try to intimidate you. But continue to present a fair argument, regardless of how petty someone else might be while trying to make a point.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might find yourself exceptionally sensitive to family matters this week. An issue could come to light that you had overlooked. Ask other kinfolk to discuss it with you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You might have more questions about a project (or perhaps someone you're dealing with on some level) than you feel comfortable with. If so, see which can be answered, which cannot, and why.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) It's a good time to clean up and clear out what you don't need before your tidy self is overwhelmed by "stuff." Then go celebrate the Virgo victory over clutter with someone special.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might feel a mite confused about why something you were sure couldn't go wrong didn't go all right either. Be patient. Things soon move into balance, exactly as you like it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) At this decision point, you could be moving from side to side, just to say you're in motion. Or you could be considering making a move straight up. What you choose is up to you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Although your finances should be in an improved situation at this time, thrift is still the savvy Sagittarian's smart move. Advice from a spouse or partner could be worth heeding.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Taking on a new challenge brings out the Goat's skills in maneuvering over and around difficult spots. Best of all, the Goat does it one careful step after another. (Got the idea, Kid?)

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your well-known patience might be wearing thin because of a disturbing (and seemingly unending) problem with someone close to you. This could be a time to ask for help. Good luck.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Be careful about a new venture that lures you into a "just-look-and-see" mode. Be sure that what you're being given to see isn't hiding what you should be seeing instead. (c) 2010 King Features Synd., Inc.

ISAAC ASIMOV'S SUPER QUIZ

Take this Isaac Asimov's Super Quiz to a Ph.D. Score 1 point for each correct answer on the Freshman Level. 2 points on the Graduate Level and 3 points on the Ph.D. Level.

Subject: INVENTIONS TIMELINE
Put the inventions in chronological order starting with the earliest. (e.g., X-ray, airplane, pneumatic tire. Answer: Pneumatic tire, X-ray, airplane.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL

1. Airplane, fountain pen, cotton gin.
2. Steamship, automobile, pasteurization.
3. Locomotive, lightning conductor, neon light.

GRADUATE LEVEL

4. Electric battery, telephone, safety razor.
5. Television, revolver, submarine.
6. Elevator, radio, hot-air balloon.

- Answer _____
8. Refrigerator, stainless steel, incandescent lamp.
 9. Untethered rigid airship, gasoline engine, sewing machine.
- Answer _____

ANSWERS: 1. Cotton gin, fountain pen, airplane. 2. Steamship, pasteurization, automobile. 3. Lightning conductor, locomotive, neon light. 4. Electric battery, telephone, safety razor. 5. Submarine, revolver, television. 6. Hot-air balloon, elevator, radio. 7. Cement, escalator, windshield wiper. 8. Refrigerator, incandescent lamp, stainless steel. 9. Sewing machine, gasoline engine, untethered rigid airship.

SCORING:

18 points — congratulations, doctor; 15 to 17 points — honors graduate; 10 to 14 points — you're plenty smart, but no grind; 4 to 9 points — you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 3 points — enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points — who reads the questions to you?

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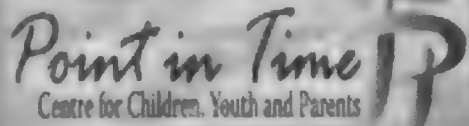
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DEATH NOTICES

MARY McWILLIAMS

Peacefully at sunset, on Friday March 26, 2010, with her family by her side, at the age of 92.
Beloved wife of the late Les McWilliams, Predeceased by her sister Lou Gamble.
Loving mother of Sandy Ingall. Proud grandmother of Jonathan (Siobhan) and Michelle (Michael). Aunt of Janet Elder. Mary was a resident of Shoe Lake. Cremation has taken place.

Visitation:
Friends may call the Turner & Porter Butler Chapel, 4933 Dundas St. W. Etobicoke (between Islington and Kipling Ave) for a memorial visitation on Wednesday from 7-9p.m. A service of Remembrance will be held in the Chapel on Thursday, April 1, 2010 at 1pm.



As an expression of sympathy, donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

CLARKE, Marlene at St. Michaels Hospital, Toronto on Wednesday March 31, 2010. Marlene Clarke nee White of Dorset formerly of Barrie in her 75th year. Beloved wife of Chris.

Loving mother of Kelly Clarke of Dorset, Karen and her husband Brian Clairmont of Barrie, Christopher Guy and his wife Stephanie also of Barrie. Doting Nana of Brandon, Taylor, Sarah and Katelyn.

Dear sister of Gordon and Christine White of Thunder Bay, Debbie Donnithorn of Oshawa. A Memorial Service will be held at St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church, Dorset on Monday April 12 at 1:00 P.M. Reception to follow at the Dorset Recreation Centre.



If desired donations to Canadian Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to the Billingsley Funeral Home, Huntsville.

New Tub for Hyland Crest in Minden



With a little help from staff members Kim Campbell, PSW and Elishya Miscio, RPN, Hyland Crest resident Ken Currah shows off the new specialized bathtub available to the residents at Hyland Crest.

As one of four tubs was no longer functioning and couldn't be repaired, Haliburton Highlands Health Services Committee President and CEO Paul Rosebush earmarked a replacement tub as a priority item. The cost for the tub, \$7,500, was raised through the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation's fall patient letter. HHHSF Executive Director Dale Walker and Chairman Peter Oyler were in attendance for the demonstration on March 19th.



"That's some Tub!"

Haliburton Legion Donates Funds for Ceiling Lifts.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129, Haliburton's President, Carla Watson, and First Vice President, Jack Greavette, presented a cheque last week for \$7,300 from The Royal Canadian Legion, Ontario Provincial Command Branches and Ladies Auxiliaries Charitable

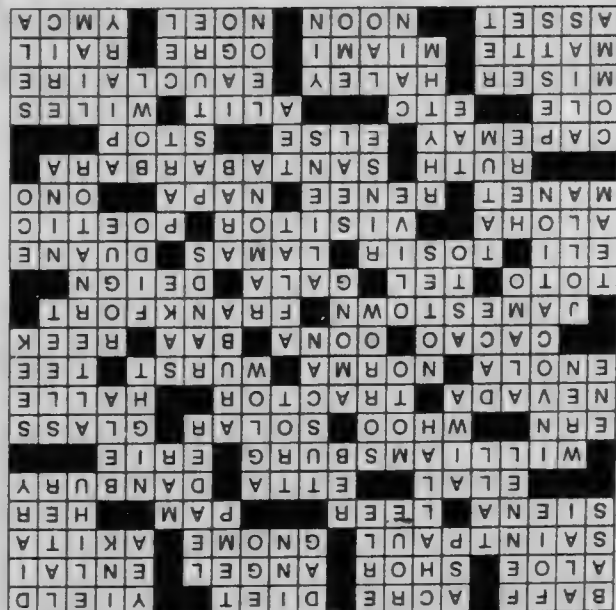
Foundation.

The funds purchased a ceiling lift. Approximately one year ago the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation started raising funds for the ceiling lifts that were installed in the acute care, and long-term care departments at both sites. Total cost was \$361,000, and the balance yet to be raised is \$100,000.

In addition the HHHSF was pleased to fund a new specialized bath tub for the residents in Highland Wood. The previous tub was not working and could not be repaired. ■



From Left: HHHS CEO Paul Rosebush, HHHSF Co-chair Don Popple, PSW Marlene Robinson, Resident Joan Medland, RN Christine Bellefleur, Legion 1st Vice Jack Greavette, Legion President Carla Watson.



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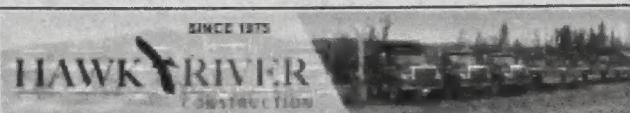
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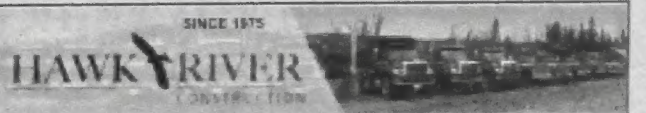
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ATV Collision Update

On the 29th of March 2010 the Bancroft OPP responded to the report of an ATV collision on Hay Bay Court in the Municipality of Hastings Highlands. Investigation revealed that an adult male was operating a Polaris ATV in his driveway. The male drove south down a hill, did not stop at the bottom of the driveway and went over the ledge.

The driver, 73 year old Donald Roy Rodgers of Bancroft, Ontario was transported by ambulance to Quinte Healthcare North Hastings with major injuries. He was later air lifted to Kingston General Hospital.

Mr. Rogers succumbed to his injuries at Kingston General Hospital on April 1st 2010.

Break and Enter in Bancroft

On Saturday the 3rd of April 2010 Officers from the Bancroft detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police received the report of a break and enter to a seasonal residence on Jamieson Lane in Bancroft. The cottage was forcibly entered and no property was reported stolen.

Theft of Vehicle in Highlands East

On the 3rd of April 2010 Officers from the Bancroft OPP received the report of a theft on McGillivray Road in the Municipality of Highlands East. Investigation revealed that sometime during the last four months a stereo and amplifiers were stolen from a parked truck at a private residence.

Male Charged with Impaired

On Saturday the 3rd of April 2010 the Bancroft OPP were dispatched to a motor vehicle collision on Loop Road in the Municipality of Highlands East. Officers arrived at the scene and arrested an adult male. The male was transported to the Bancroft OPP detachment for an intoxilyzer test.

73 year old Sherwood Townsend of the Municipality of Highlands East, Ontario had been charged with operate a motor vehicle with over 80 milligrams of alcohol in his blood and impaired operation of a motor vehicle, contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada. Mr. Townsend was released from custody and is scheduled to appear in Bancroft court on May 11th 2010.



Charges Laid in Collision Investigation

(City of Kawartha Lakes, ON.) – A Minden, Ontario driver faces numerous charges in connection with a fail to remain collision investigation.

On Wednesday morning (31 March) at approximately 5:00 a.m the City of Kawartha Lakes OPP investigated a two-vehicle collision located on Highway #35, south of Lindsay, Ontario. Investigation revealed that one of the driver's involved failed to remain at the collision scene. The vehicle and driver were located by police a short distance away.

As a result of the investigation, David BRADLEY, age 53, was arrested and charged with impaired driving, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, fail to remain at the scene of an accident and having more than 80mgs of alcohol in 100mls of blood.

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ArtsVest Launch at Rails End

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter

Business for the Arts' (BftA) last fall announced the first five of 15 Ontario communities which will be awarded the artsVest matching grant opportunity over the next four years. Of those five communities, Dysart/Haliburton will be one of the fortunate communities to be granted with the artsVest. Business for the Arts was formed in 1974 as the Council for Business and the Arts in Canada by a group of leading business CEOs in Canada. The founding directors saw a gap between the cultural communities and the private sector and wished to strengthen the relationships between the two in order to better the arts in Canada.

This week the Rails End hosts the artsVest Launch: Events are:

DAY ONE

ArtsVest Launch - Thursday, April 8th 12:30PM-1:30PM Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre
23 York Street Haliburton ON - Light refreshments will be served

The Roundtable Forum - Thursday, April 8th - 1:30PM - 3:30PM
Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre

Panel

Business: Anthony van Lieshout, Royal Le Page & Maartin Steinkamp, McKecks Restaurant
Arts/Heritage - Kim McBrien, Executive Director, Arts Council Haliburton Highlands & Laurie Jones, Director/Curator, Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre
Civic: Councillor Janis Parker & Reeve Murray Fearrey, Municipality of Dysart et al
Moderator - Jennifer Gordon, Business for the Arts

You are invited to attend a lively discussion featuring arts, heritage business and civic leaders on a single exciting topic that unites them all. Audience participation is encouraged.

The roundtable forum will be followed by a reception and a short introduction to the artsVest Program: A Tool for Incentivizing Business Sponsors. Animated conversation and friendly debate will ensue as guests mingle, engage and network during this informative and fun community gathering.

Art communities will be working with businesses in order to raise funds for art establishments. For example, the businesses will donate money to an arts organisation like a gallery and the artsVest will match the money given by the businesses. The initiative is to help forge relationships between arts and businesses. The municipalities had to apply for the grant which helps to build a deeper sense of culture in the community. Laurie Jones, Executive Director of the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton, spoke of how "the municipality has supported public art galleries, invested in the new library and they often support cultural events in the park." Haliburton is the only town or village in Ontario under 60,000 people which received the grant in 2010.

Over the past years the artsVest grant and businesses have helped several arts communities across Ontario. In Elmira a new theatre was built with the support of Husky Farm Equipment and the artsVest grant which meant after 25 years of performing at a community centre the group now have a performance space of their own, in turn providing more theatrical endeavours for the community. In Kingston the 2007 Writers Festival was supported and in Thunder Bay rundown commercial spaces were revitalised into vibrant, cultural venues for the city.

ArtsVest began as a pilot project in 2002 in Oakville which was so successful it sparked an ongoing program for three years which allowed the BftA to take the program to ten Ontario communities between 2005 and 2008. The program in 2008 generated a total of \$539,000 for the arts communities across four Ontario communities, (Kingston, Sault Ste. Marie, Orillia and the Niagara Region). In every community the arts organisations and their business partners surpassed the artsVest fund by a significant margin. Laurie adds that "its about working in partnerships with small businesses so its a win/win situation." ■



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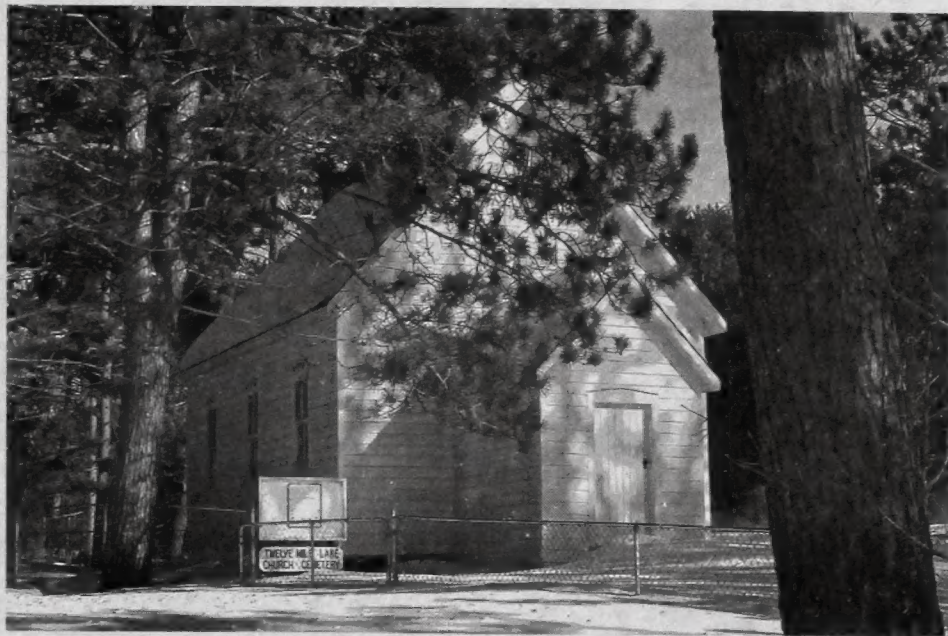
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Twelve Mile Church Agreement Hits a Snag

Liz Danielsen
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"Ten years isn't a long time when considering a historic building." (Heather Chambers)



Since the acquisition of the Twelve Mile Lake Church property by Minden Hills in December of 2008, a tentative agreement between the municipality and the Friends of the Twelve Mile Lake Church for the care of the little historical building seems to have reached a bit of an impasse. At least that's Heather Chambers' take on the situation.

The property was acquired by the municipality to alleviate concerns that the cemetery was reaching capacity faster than anticipated. The additional land offered Minden Hills more options for development of columbaria, scatter gardens and additional plots for many years to come and the sale of the property offered a timely solution to meet these needs.

The picturesque little church has overlooked the shores of Twelve Mile Lake for well over 110 years and it sits on a parcel of land that was surrounded by the old Chambers family farm. Members of the Chambers family were the original trustees of the church and the family retains a strong affection for both the church and the area.

In an effort to secure the building and start to explore the possibility of seeking a heritage designation for it, Heather and Bob Chambers, along with other residents in the Carnarvon/Twelve Mile Lake community who valued the church as a community landmark and a piece of their history formed 'the Friends' whose primary goal was to secure the future of the church within the community.

A tentative agreement was reached with the Minden Hills Council that the Friends would maintain the building, coordinate any functions that might be held there and raise funds under the umbrella of the Cultural Centre in efforts to establish a suitable reserve fund to ensure the long term care and preservation of the building.

Unfortunately, according to Heather Chambers, when a draft lease was finally presented to the Friends for review, the document contained some aspects that were not completely acceptable. The terms of the lease suggest that the Friends would be offered a 10 year lease, after which time the municipality would not necessarily be required to renew the agreement. The draft lease even contained an option for the municipality to demolish the Church.

Acknowledging that the document is a work in progress, it still has created considerable concern among the Friends and a number of letters voicing concern have been sent out to various members of Council stating that the lease does not provide the kind of support for the ongoing presence of the Church that had been hoped for.

Chambers has suggested that throughout the process there have been a number of delays. She said the municipality had advised them that there were concerns around liability and that input was being sought from the Building Department, Fire Department, the municipality's insurance company and legal representatives.

"In December a proposal was put on the table by Rick Cox (Director of Community Services) suggesting that the Friends purchase the Church for a nominal fee. But before we even had an opportunity to discuss this option, without offering any rationale the municipality's legal counsel advised that a purchase agreement was not the route to take and that option was pulled. It has been very difficult pinning people down on the whys and wherefores," Chambers said.

"We would like to come to an understanding, but it seems that things have changed a bit from last summer when caring for the Church and working cooperatively were the words of the day."

Chambers has high hopes that a meeting will be scheduled to consider their options between the Friends, Cox and Councillors Rick Ratcliff and Barbara Reid who both sit on the Cemetery Committee.

"We're seeking a longer term commitment," she said. While she acknowledged that there may very well be liability issues to be resolved she said, "There's not a lot of percentage for the Friends to do things like repairing the roof, painting and keeping the building sound and safe if it is to be demolished in 10 years. Ten years isn't a long time when considering a historic building."

Chambers said they were taken by surprise by several of the clauses in the lease, not the least of which was the reference to demolition. She said, "We thought it was to be a cooperative effort and we can't quite understand that line of thinking."

The Friends have work on the Church scheduled for the

summer months and fund raising initiatives planned, but Chambers says that's all on hold, as at present they have no permission to do anything.

"We want to find out if these are the only options available to us. We understood in the fall that Council would be seeking expert opinions and heard by e-mail that they were not prepared to come to the table with the original proposal."

Chambers said she hoped to be able to set up a meeting with Ratcliff and Reid and Ward Councillor Bill Obee over the next couple of weeks. "We believe that the subject is back on the radar and our hope is to sort this out and move forward with our original ideas, but that depends on our discussions."

Chambers also said that Cox had shared with them that the process would not be as easy as they had originally thought.

When asked if any progress had been made in seeking a heritage designation for the Church, Chambers said that one of the difficulties in starting the process was the requirement to have the full support of the community. "The township would have to support the initiative but our discussions with staff suggest that any mention of a heritage designation wouldn't go anywhere at this time."

According to Chambers once designated as a heritage building there would be specific requirements on how the building has to be maintained. "But the township is adamant that they don't want to incur any additional expense."

The Friends have since learned that there may be other ways to have the building recognized as having historic significance. "It would put the Church on a list of buildings of interest and that would be a start down the road to having it receive a historic designation."

Councillor Rick Ratcliff confirmed that the municipality's lawyer had advised that it is now standard procedure for municipalities to limit any lease to a period of 10 years. "But the lease document could have been amended to ensure continuing renewals," he said. Ratcliff said he was anxious to go over the terms of the lease with the Chambers and seeing where things stand.

"We don't see taking on the Church," he said. "The Friends maintaining the building is a real bonus for us and I believe that the majority of Council feel the same way. They don't want the responsibility or the expense of looking after the Church and in order for us to maintain it, we would have to address accessibility

issues. If the building isn't under our jurisdiction those rules wouldn't apply.

Ratcliff also confirmed that the municipality had originally considered allowing the Friends to purchase the building, but said it would take too much of the land required for expansion of the cemetery. "A lease will offer a nice little envelope around the church for their use, and we'll have more area for plots."

Councillor Reid also advised that leasing municipal buildings requires certain protocol which would limit the term of the lease to 10 years. "But we would be prepared to renew the lease as often as they wish to care for the Church. If for any reason they could no longer care for the building, the municipality must retain the right to do whatever it wants with the building."

Reid said that the Council could not take on the Church and promise to maintain it at the taxpayers' expense. "We simply want to ensure that the language of the lease does not bind us to its maintenance and care in perpetuity."

As a final note, Reid said, "I'm sure there is a way to resolve the concerns raised by the Friends."

And that's exactly what Heather and Bob Chambers and the Friends of the Twelve Mile Lake Church want as well; to continue to honour the place that this beautiful little piece of local history has within the Carnarvon/Twelve Mile Lake Community. ■

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